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Pre Requisites

Before you can install the AwebDesk Membership Software script, you will need web hosting and a domain name.

Make sure your server has these configurations:
PHP 5.2.x or higher
MySQL 4.1 or higher
Curl Support enabled
Ioncube loaders (This is normally available on all hosts, if it is not, you should contact your host to active ioncubeloaders on your server for PHP 5.2.x or higher)

If you believe your server is not compatible with your webhost, simple email us the ftp/mysql db details, we will make necessary changes to our software in order to run on your server and will install our membership software for you for free. This also enables our software to be installed on variety of hosts which is our foremost aim.

Installation (New install)

Please note: We have an installation service available for $49 which you can take advantage of if you're not able to install the software yourself. If you would like this service, please go to: http://awebdesk.com/order/products/Professional--Installation

Follow Below Steps to Install Awebdesk Membership Software:

Step1: Unzip AMS.zip file

There are two methods of uploading your files to your web hosting account.
1) Upload the AMS.zip file directly to your web hosting account and unzipping it using cPanel (*this is faster!*)
2) Unzipping the zip file on your computer first, and then uploading all the files to your web hosting account.

After Unzipping kindly follow the below steps

Step2: **Open serialkey.php** from the software root package /AMS/ directory
First you have to **update the serialkey.php**

So lets say the serial key you have received is 12-345566-122131-SER (it's an example, you will get a different key) then contents of serialkey.php will look something like this

<?php

define('SERIAL_KEY', '12-345566-122131-SER');

/*this line is a comment--Update serial in above line: Example: define('SERIAL_KEY', '12-erwerwe-122131-das'); comment ends */

?>

After updating the serial key.php, **upload all contents of /AMS/ to the installation directory**.

Step3: Following folders must be made writeable for the script:

/data/

/data/new_rewrite/

/templates_c/

This usually means **CHMOD** to permissions **777**.

Setting up a mySQL database

In order for your AwebDesk Membership software to work, it needs a database to be set up. Go to Database wizard through your cpanel and add a new database for your AwebDesk Membership Software.
Please take note of the database name, username and password when creating your database.

Step4: Browse to http://www.yoursite.int/AMS/installams.php and Follow Web Based Setup script instructions.

Step5: You must do the initial setup as shown on screen after installation.

Note: If you have purchased facebook/OpenId, Follow the readme file inside

facebook/openid directory provided with the package.

Step6: Browse Knowledge base here:

http://support.awebdesk.com/?/Knowledgebase/List/Index/5/awebdesk-membership-software

If any issues, feel free to contact our friendly support staffs anytime by emailing at support@awebdesk.com or visiting http://support.awebdesk.com

Installation page

By now, you should have all your files uploaded to your website and your serial key updated. You should also have your mySQL database details ready.

Now, go to http://www.yoursite.com/installams.php.If you installed the AwebDesk Membership software in a sub-folder, please go to http://www.yoursite.com/subfolder/installams.php

You'll then be asked to enter some information such as your email, password, database details and so on.. for the database host, enter "localhost". Provide all details carefully.

Setup a Cron Job

What is a cron job?

The cron job is a scheduled task on the hosting server. You may choose to run specific program in specific time, periodically. In case of AMS, we have to call AMS page (yes, just regular page: *http://yoursite.int/AMS/cron.php*) with browser. However, your hosting is using Linux/Unix, so there are no usual browsers like IE or Netscape.

We will use command-line text mode browser, named Lynx. You may run it on Unix with the following command: */usr/bin/lynx -source*

Line */usr/bin/lynx -source http://yoursite.int/AMS/cron.php* will access specified URL and display HTML source of page. In our case, we don't need any output, we just need our page to be accessed, so we will ignore output.

Why I need to set cron job?

In AMS cron job required to handle recurring billing for some payment plugins, and periodic emails (not completed notifications, expire notifications, automatic emails). Even if you don't plan to use recurring billing or send automatic emails from AMS, we still recommend to setup external cron job, because it executes some necessary system tasks.

Setting it up

We will provide here instructions for CPanel-based control panel. I hope you will be able to find equivalent controls if you're hosting uses different panel software.

1. Login into your webhosting control panel.

2. Click to *Cron Jobs* link. It may be also hidden in *Tools* or *Advanced* submenu. You will see screen offering you to choose your experience level. Choose *Advanced* (Refer Fig 1).

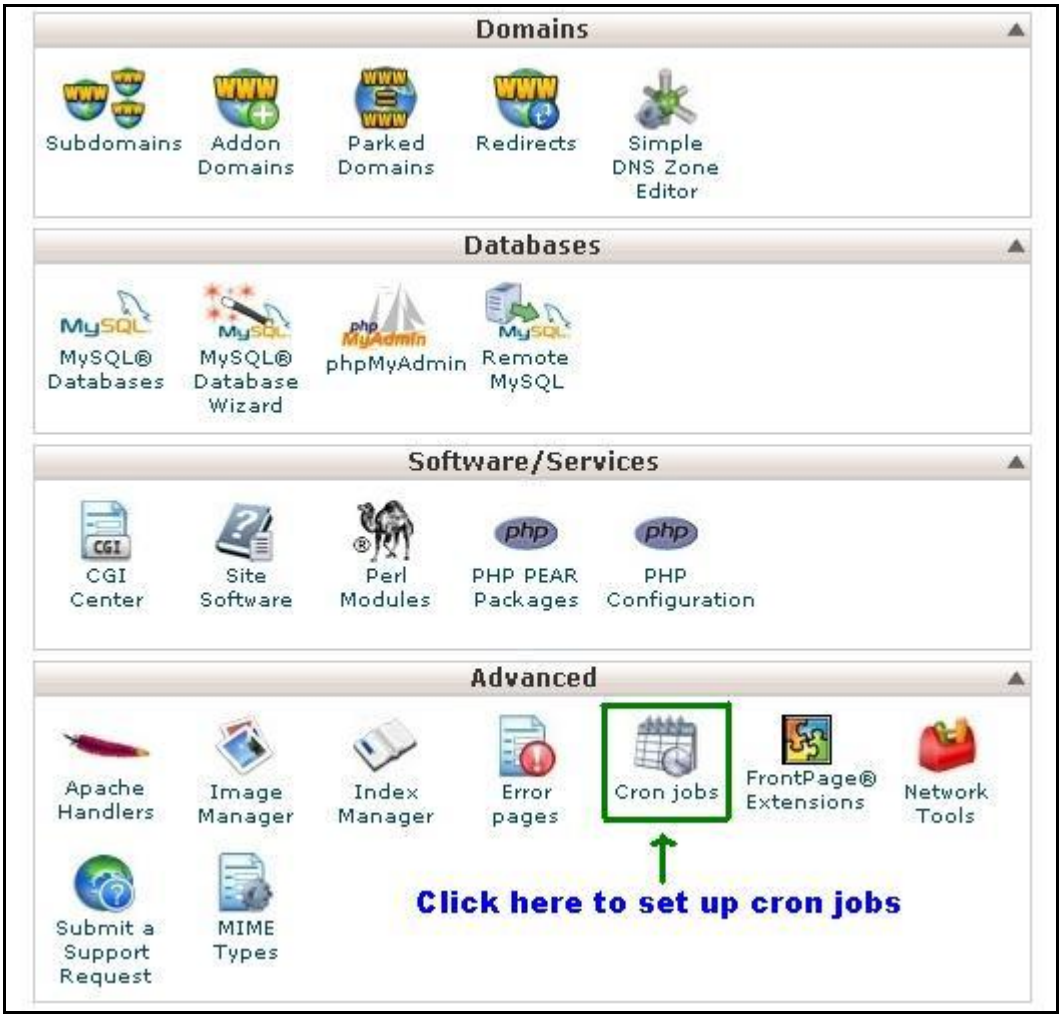

Fig 1-a: Navigate to Cron Jobs

Finding your needed information

- Path to PHP – UNIX and Linux have a special variable called **env php** which tells you where PHP is installed on your server. We'll use this instead of trying to figure out the path to PHP manually. If this does not work you can contact your host to find out what the correct path to PHP is.
- Flags for output – In this example I've used the –q flag which runs cron in quiet mode; this flag stops some unnecessary messages. You can also add /dev/null after the server path to stop error messages being output as well.
- Server Path to your script – You will need to specify the full server path directly to your script. You can find this on the settings page, as shown below

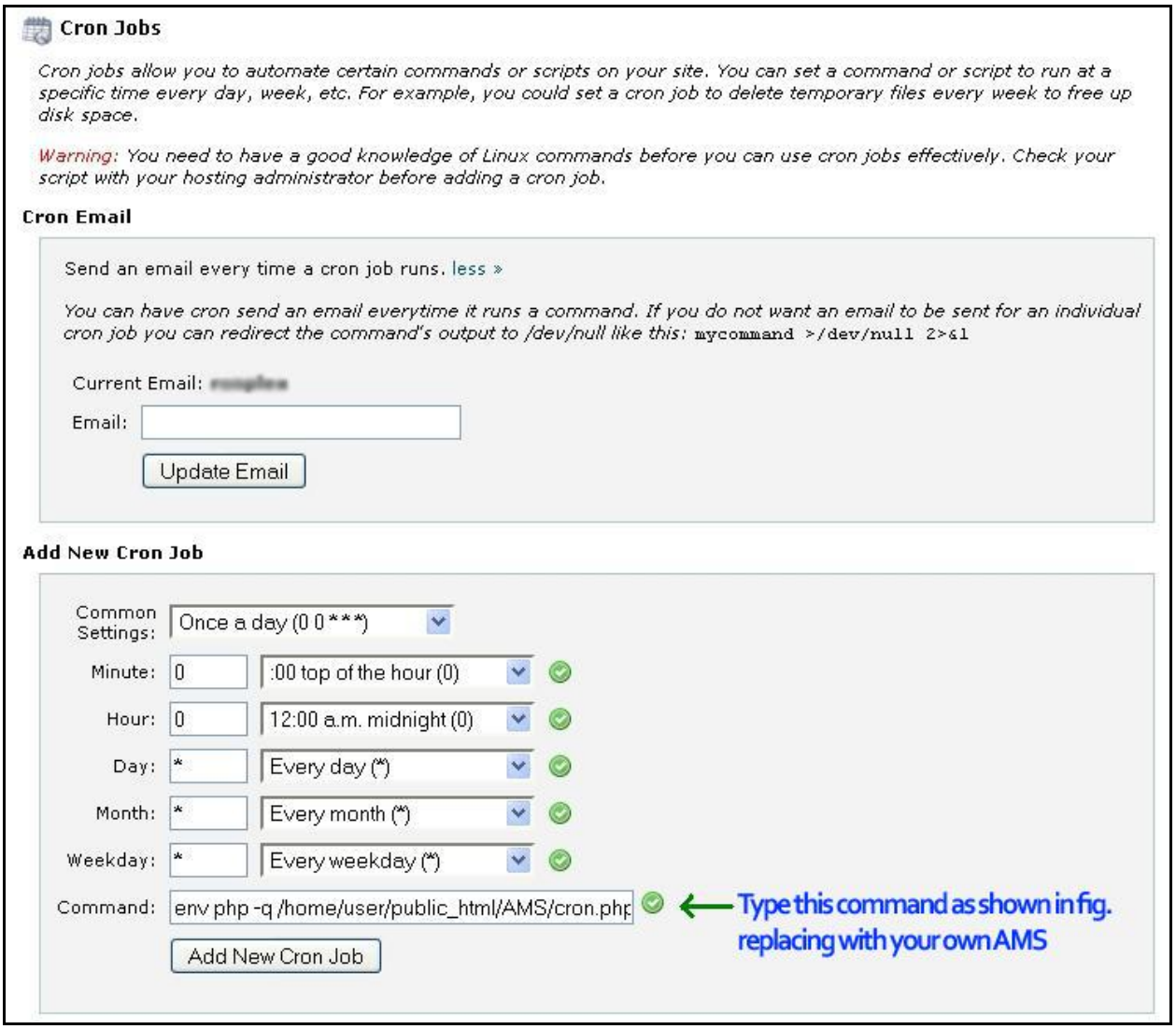
Cron Jobs
Cron jobs allow you to automate certain commands or scripts on your site. You can set a command or script to run at a specific time every day, week, etc. For example, you could set a cron job to delete temporary files every week to free up disk space.
Warning: You need to have a good knowledge of Linux commands before you can use cron jobs effectively. Check your script with your hosting administrator before adding a cron job.
Cron Email
Send an email every time a cron job runs. less »
You can have cron send an email everytime it runs a command. If you do not want an email to be sent for an individual cron job you can redirect the command's output to /dev/null like this: mycommand >/dev/null 2>&1
Current Email:
Email:
Update Email
Add New Cron Job
Common Settings:
Once a day (0 0 * * *)
Minute:
0
:00 top of the hour (0)
Hour:
0
12:00 a.m. midnight (0)
Day:
*
Every day (*)
Month:
*
Every month (*)
Weekday:
*
Every weekday (*)
Command:
env php -q /home/user/public_html/AMS/cron.php
Type this command as shown in fig. replacing with your own AMS
Add New Cron Job

Fig 1-b: Cron Jobs Settings

Into the empty bottom line, enter:

Minute = 0 Hour = 0 Day = * (means every day) Month = * Weekday = *
Command = env php –q /home/user/public_html/AMS/cron.php

Of course, replace /home/user/public_html/AMS/ to your actual AMS installation folder. Ensure that this URL http://<AMS_Directory>/cron.php works, first try to open it from your browser. Click *Commit Changes*

4. On the next day, if you receive e-mail notifications from "Cron Daemon" that says that something is wrong with your command, please read it carefully. It means that your cron job doesn't work. If it says "Command not found", try to use the following command lines:

/usr/bin/curl -s http://yoursite.com/AMS/cron.php /usr/bin/wget -o/dev/null -O- http://yoursite.com/AMS/cron.php /usr/local/bin/lynx -source http://yoursite.com/AMS/cron.php
/usr/local/bin/curl -s http://yoursite.com/AMS/cron.php /usr/local/bin/wget -o/dev/null -O- http://yoursite.com/AMS/cron.php

5. Enable *External Cron* at *AMS CP -> Setup -> Advanced*.

If your webhosting does not allow Cron Jobs or you can't get it working with your hosting you can setup cron job to be executed from your account at http://www.example.com/AMS/member.php

Just specify your installation's cron.php url in "Add new cron job" input and click "Add" button. There is no security risk, because no secure data passed from or displayed by AMS cron job. Everything happens in background.

Installation (Upgrade)

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To upgrade please follow the instructions provided along with your installation manual.

Introduction

AwebDesk Membership Software is versatile subscription software and PHP based membership management Software. A powerful membership software to manage subscription billing, recurring billing and a subscription software integrated with social features like Facebook connect, Gmail,etc. It provides automated signup and expiration for the services you sell. Our subscription software (AMS) is a web based membership management software with Facebook Connect Plugin which allow your site members to login directly using their Facebook IDs or even this subscription software can create members account automatically once the users signups via Facebook for the first time. Members can share status updates on Facebook about your membership site with friends in one click. It has secured admin panel with numerous features to add and access unlimited number of custom fields no matter whether you opt to change the database structure or not and allows validity checks to newly entered fields.

How AwebDesk Membership Software Works

The procedure for signing up a new customer/member is as follows:

1. A user comes to the signup page (http://www.yoursite.int/AMS/signup.php) and completes a signup form. User is asked to enter their first and last name and email address. They may also be asked to create a username and password. You can optionally enable username and/or password generation in the Membership Software settings, in which case the user will be issued with an automatically generated username and/or password.
2. You may add more fields to signup form if you wish (Refer Page 84. to add new fields).
3. After completing the form, the user presses the "Signup" button. Membership Software now creates two new database records:

    - a pending user record
    - a pending payment record.

This does NOT give the user rights to enter. The pending payment record contains amount to be paid, subscription start and expiry dates, subscription type ordered and other related information. However this payment record is not marked as "paid".

Actual Payment

The user is redirected to payment system payment page where he will be asked for credit card info (or for other necessary payment information, depending on the payment method selected). The payment gateway (eg PayPal, 2Checkout or Authorize.Net) checks the information entered and makes the transaction.

- Once the transaction is completed successfully, the user will be redirected to the "thanks" page of Membership Software (http://www.yoursite.int/AMS/thanks.php). If the transaction failed, user may be redirected to failed payment page (only if the payment system supports it : http://www.yoursite.int/AMS/cancel.php).
- In background, the payment system sends confirmation to Membership Software script that the payment process has been completed. The Membership Software script then marks the payment as "Paid" and sends a signup (welcome) email to the customer.

Account Expiration and Subscription Renewal

All members (even those who did not pay or whose payment has been failed) can access the Membership Software members page (http://www.yoursite.int/AMS/member.php).

On this page they will see:

- Links to membership areas which they are allowed to access (is to which subscriptions are completed and not-expired)
- Logout link
- Link to update profile info/change password
- List of completed payments (if subscription is recurring, a subscription cancel link will be displayed near every active recurring subscription record)
- Controls to renew subscription or order another subscription type(product)

To add/renew a subscription, users must select a membership type, a payment method and press a button, then they are redirected to a payment system page and payment will be exactly the same as for initial signup. If a user already has a subscription to the same subscription type (product), the new subscription start and expiry dates will be calculated from the day when the existing subscription expires.

Protection

AwebDesk Membership Software can generate an authorization database for any number of protected destinations. For example, it can generate .htpasswd and .htgroup files, which are suitable for authorization on Unix platforms. There are also more advanced protection methods that allows to protect any type of content without changing it and providing HTML Login form for customers instead of popup login box.

Membership Software handles subscription expirations and expired members will not get access to protected areas. Membership Software can also act as an authorization source itself, checking authorization in the database, when someone tries to access a protected area protected with the php_include method.

Integration

AwebDesk Membership Software can be integrated with third-party scripts, such as Bulletin Boards, Content Management Systems, Trouble Tickets systems and so on.

For example, it can maintain a vBulletin Board database, so that only active (paid and not-expired) members are able to access the board. Thus a user can have a single login for both Membership Software and vBulletin and (in case of vBulletin board) will need to login only once in to access protected areas with HTML content and the vBulletin board.

Have a look to list of integration plugins.

Login/Membership Info

Awebdesk Membership Software provides 2 different URLs for customers to login:

Membership Info Page

http://www.yoursite.int/AMS/member.php

This page will display login form if necessary (if customer is not logged-in).

Once customer is logged-in, he will see:

- Links to active subscriptions (according to customer subscriptions list, and according to *Product URL* and *Additional Product URLs* in Awebdesk Membership Software products settings). Customer can choose a link to visit and click it;
- Links to change password, logout, and update credit card info (if it is already in file);
- Ability to order new subscriptions/renew existing subscriptions;
- History of payments/subscriptions, with links to cancel active recurring subscriptions (if applicable).
- Last newsletter messages.

Login Page

http://www.yoursite.int/AMS/login.php

This page will display login form if necessary (if customer is not logged-in).

Once customer is logged-in, he will be redirected:

- If customer has only active subscription (and accordingly only one Product URL to go), he will be redirected straight to Product URL;
- If customer has several subscriptions, or has no subscriptions, he will be automatically redirected to *Membership Info Page*, where he will be able to choose a link to go, or to renew subscription.

Setting Up Your Membership Site

Before you can unleash your membership site to the world, you need to set it up. This process is easy but please ensure you go through all the steps so you don't miss anything.

The script will not work unless you've set it up correctly.

Before you begin these steps, please make sure you are logged in to your admin control panel at http://www.yourwebsite.com/manage or if you installed the software in a sub-folder, then go to http://www.yourwebsite.com/subfolder/manage.

Initial Setup/Configuration

To change AMS configuration, click to Ams CP -> Setup / Configuration in right sidebar menu. There is real lot of settings, we recommend to start with defauts, make test payment, access your protected folder. And only if that works, you may continue with advanced configuration options.

After installing AwebDesk Membership Software, there are several settings that must be set. Visit *AMS CP -> Setup*, you will see ***Global*** configuration page

Site Title

It must be a short string, like *AwebDesk Membership Software*, *Web Success Secrets Club* and so on

Root URL

It must be automatically configured by AMS installation script. Usually you should not change it.

Secure Root URL

Change it only if you have a SSL certificate installed, and you site is accessible via HTTPS:// When setting this value, make sure that opening *Root URL* and *Secure Root URL* give you the same output in your browser.

Generate Login / Generate Password

Decide if you want to automatically generate usernames and password for your customers, or not. Set correspodning settings.

Require Unique Email

If enabled, will not allow to create 2 user accounts with the same e-mail address. User will be prompted to login into existing account at http://www.yoursite.com/AMS/member.php and continue payment process if necessary.

Use Address Info

It will control displaying of address info (street, city, state, zip code and country) on signup and user profile editing pages. You can disable it, enable but not require, and both enable and require.

Display Currency

It only changes **displaying** of the currency on pages. It does not affect actual payment process and currency, you have to configure it in product settings at *AMS CP -> Manage Products* for each payment processor. Some payment processors do not allow you change currency.

Allow usage of coupons

It will decide if you wish to use discount coupons. If you enable this, a box to enter coupon code will appear on signup and membership info pages.

Enable affiliate program

It will decide if you wish to use affiliate program. If you enable this, *AMS CP -> Setup -> Affiliates* configuration screen will appear in the menu for detailed configuration.

Enable Tax

If you wish to calculate and charge taxes from AMS, enable this option. If you enable this, *AMS CP -> Setup -> Tax* configuration page will appear, and you will be able to enable tax calculation on per-product basics at *AMS CP -> Manage Products*.

Do not forget to click *Save* after modifying config values.

To get E-Mail system working, you also need to tweak settings on E-Mail page.

Initial Configuration of E-Mail subsystem

Visit *AMS CP -> Setup -> E-Mail*, you will see *E-Mail* configuration page.

Admin E-Mail

It should be set to you e-mail address. By default it is also set as "From:" for outgoing e-mail messages

Outgoing Email Address

You can set a separate e-mail address to be specified as "From:" in outgoing e-mail messages to customers. For example, Admin E-Mail can be set to *john@yoursite.com*, but Outgoing E-Mail Address to *sales@yoursite.com*

E-Mail Sender Name

It will be displayed as "Name" in outgoing e-mail messages. It is not bad idea to set it the same as *Site Title*

Email send method

Set it to "Internal PHP mail() function", and try to send a test e-mail message to yourself (it is better if you set it to some external e-mail address, not located on the same server, for example email yourself to your mailbox on Yahoo!).

Verify E-Mail Address On Signup

If you want to validate customer e-mail address on signup, enable this option. It will email customer a verification email message with a link. Once the link is clicked, user can continue signup and make payment.

After setting all these options, do not forget to scroll down and press *Save* button.

Product Management

You can create and manage as much as products you want and search them according to their respective IDs. You can define price and plans and relate them with you products so your customers can easily choose product according to their needs. You can add new product in list at any instant. Also you can set recurring price for products with different time limits.

Add New Product

You can add new product very easily by following below steps:

Step1: Click on “Manage Products” on Right side Navigation Bar then you will see the entire available products list within your membership system. Click on “Add New Product”. (You can edit any particular product detail just by clicking on “Edit” or you can delete that one by clicking on “Delete”. If you want to copy any product along its details then click on “Copy”.) (Refer fig.2-a).

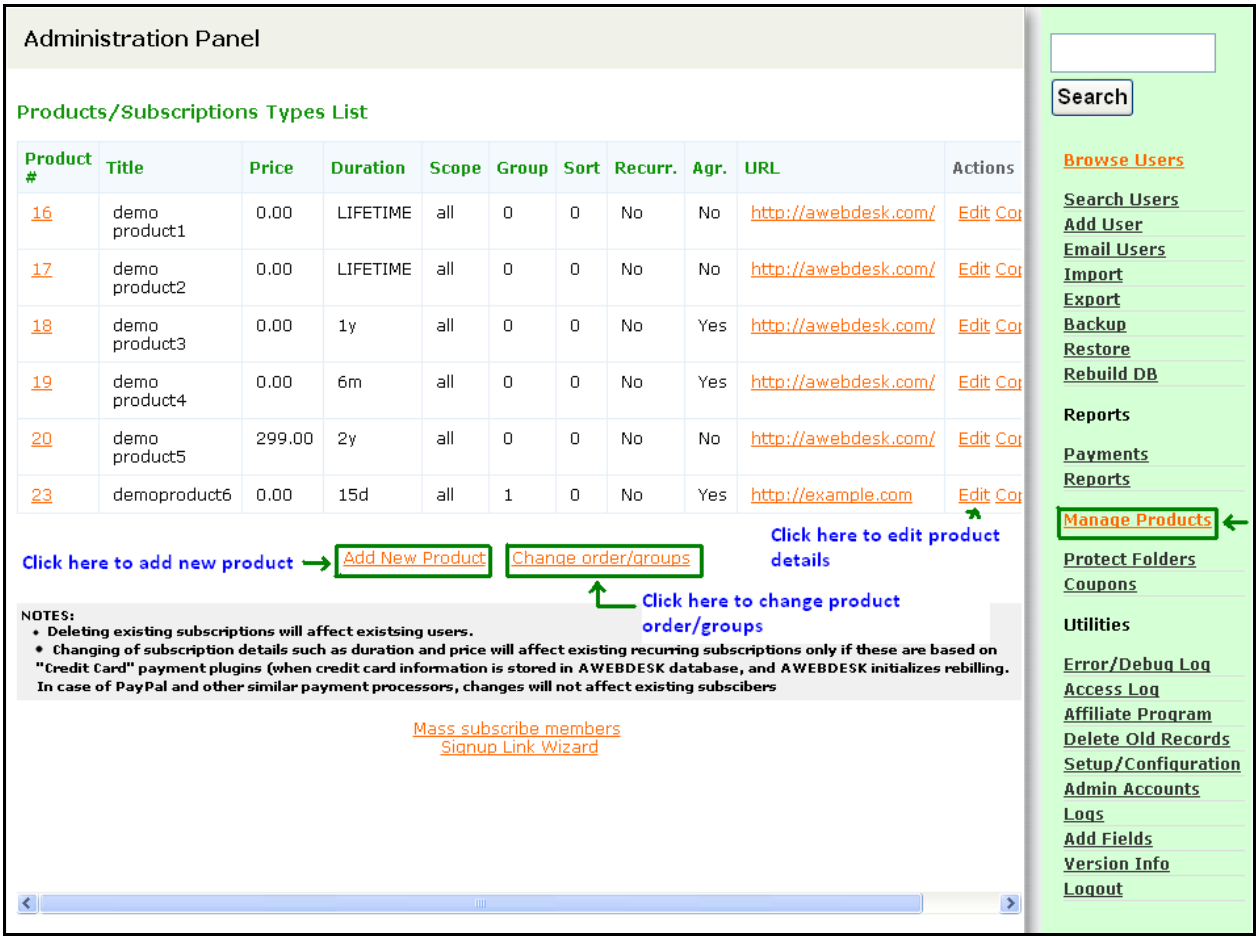


Fig 2-a: Manage Products

Step2: Now enter all the details about the New product you want to add.

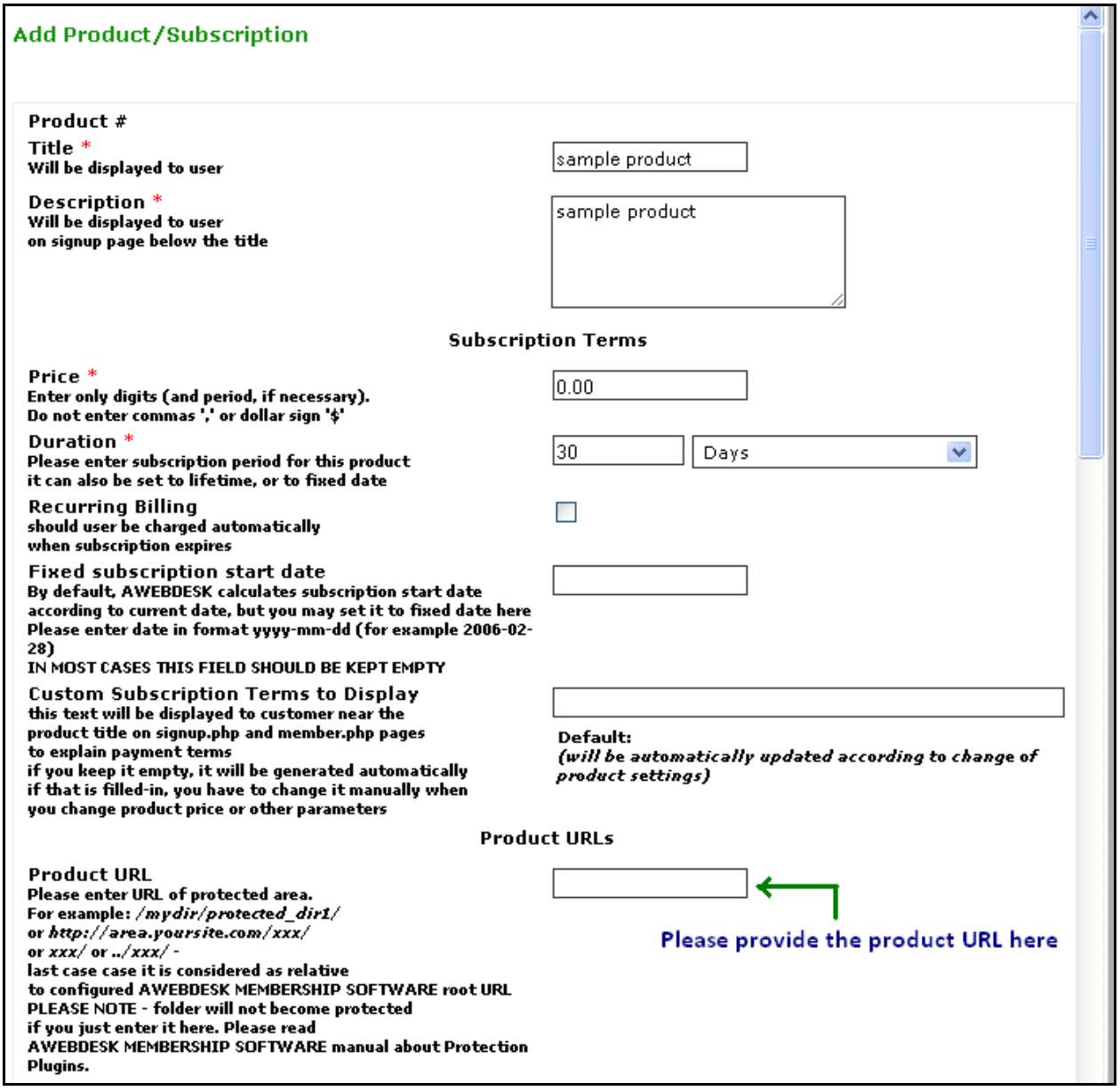
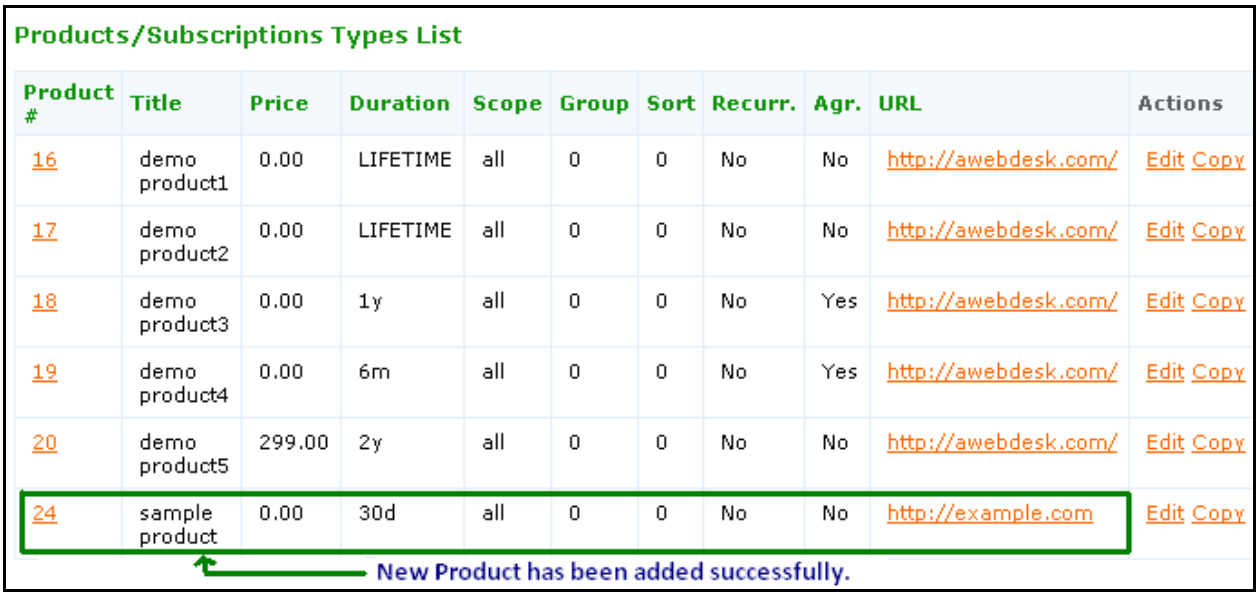

Add Product/Subscription
Product #
Title *
Will be displayed to user
sample product
Description *
Will be displayed to user
on signup page below the title
sample product
Subscription Terms
Price *
Enter only digits (and period, if necessary).
Do not enter commas ',' or dollar sign '$'
0.00
Duration *
Please enter subscription period for this product
it can also be set to lifetime, or to fixed date
30
Days
Recurring Billing
should user be charged automatically
when subscription expires
Fixed subscription start date
By default, AWEBDESK calculates subscription start date
according to current date, but you may set it to fixed date here
Please enter date in format yyyy-mm-dd (for example 2006-02-28)
IN MOST CASES THIS FIELD SHOULD BE KEPT EMPTY
Custom Subscription Terms to Display
this text will be displayed to customer near the
product title on signup.php and member.php pages
to explain payment terms
if you keep it empty, it will be generated automatically
if that is filled-in, you have to change it manually when
you change product price or other parameters
Default:
(will be automatically updated according to change of product settings)
Product URLs
Product URL
Please enter URL of protected area.
For example: /mydir/protected_dir1/
or http://area.yoursite.com/xxx/
or xxx/ or ../xxx/ -
last case case it is considered as relative
to configured AWEBDESK MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE root URL
PLEASE NOTE - folder will not become protected
if you just enter it here. Please read
AWEBDESK MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE manual about Protection Plugins.
Please provide the product URL here

Fig 2-b: New Product Details

Provide all the details including product title, description, subscription period, product url, scope of Product(who can order product), Price group, Renewal group. Check mark “Display Agreement” (Refer fig.2-b) to specify whether the user is agree to your Customer Agreement before being allowed to proceed with payment

Note: Please provide the Product URL carefully.

Now, set your Email sending activity for your new product that can be used to send emails for new subscription to product, Expiry notifications to users and more autoresponders.
Step3: After providing all details click on “Save”. Then you will be redirected to products list updated with your new product.



Products/Subscriptions Types List

Product #	Title	Price	Duration	Scope	Group	Sort	Recurr.	Agr.	URL	Actions
16	demo product1	0.00	LIFETIME	all	0	0	No	No	http://awebdesk.com/	Edit Copy
17	demo product2	0.00	LIFETIME	all	0	0	No	No	http://awebdesk.com/	Edit Copy
18	demo product3	0.00	1y	all	0	0	No	Yes	http://awebdesk.com/	Edit Copy
19	demo product4	0.00	6m	all	0	0	No	Yes	http://awebdesk.com/	Edit Copy
20	demo product5	299.00	2y	all	0	0	No	No	http://awebdesk.com/	Edit Copy
24	sample product	0.00	30d	all	0	0	No	No	http://example.com	Edit Copy

New Product has been added successfully.

Fig 2-c: New Product Added

You can any time change the price group or Renewal Group details just by clicking on “Change Order/Groups” (Refer Fig. 2-a).

Payment Plugins

1) List of Payment System Support by AMS

AwebDesk Membership Software supports 60+ payment processors. These payment processors all support recurring billing which is imperative if you have a membership site. It includes the basic payment gateways like

- Paypal
- 2Checkout
- Clickbank
- Authorize.Net
- EBS (India)
- Alertpay
- Bluepay

Please visit http://awebdesk.com/membership-software/payment-system-supported/ to view the list of payment gateways supported by AwebDesk Membership Software.

2) PayPal Pro Plugin Configuration

This readme describes process of configuration of PayPal Pro payment integration for AMS.

WARNING: PayPal PRO does not support recurring billing, and it is by nature of PayPal PRO system. It cannot be implemented in the plugin because it is not supported by PayPal, and clearly denied by PayPal Pro terms.

Create and Configure a Test of Live PayPal Account

Create and Configure a Sandbox Account

This is optional and needed for tests only; you may skip it for quick live setup.

1) Visit http://developer.paypal.com and create a developer's account.

PayPal Sandbox
PayPal Home | Contact Us
Member Log In
Email Address
Password
Keep me logged in
Log In
Trouble Logging In?
PayPal Sandbox
Put your code to the test
Need an account? Sign up now to access PayPal's Sandbox Test Environment.
Additional resources
Documentation
PayPal Developer Network
Customer Support
Use the Sandbox Test Environment to create and manage test accounts and their associated email and API credentials. You can also access valuable developer resources from Help.
Sign Up Now
Fees | Privacy | Security Center | Contact Us | Legal Agreements | User Agreement
Copyright © 1999-2011 PayPal. All rights reserved.

Fig 3-a: Create a Developer's Account

2) Click on the "Sign Up Now" tab to "Create Account".

3) Create a Sandbox account just as you would a normal Paypal account. None of the information entered needs to be your actual information.

4) To verify the account return to the Developer Central and select the email tab. All emails sent to your sandbox account will appear here. Find the verification email and follow the steps to verify the account.

5) On the *Overview* menu click on *Add Bank Account* in the left column.

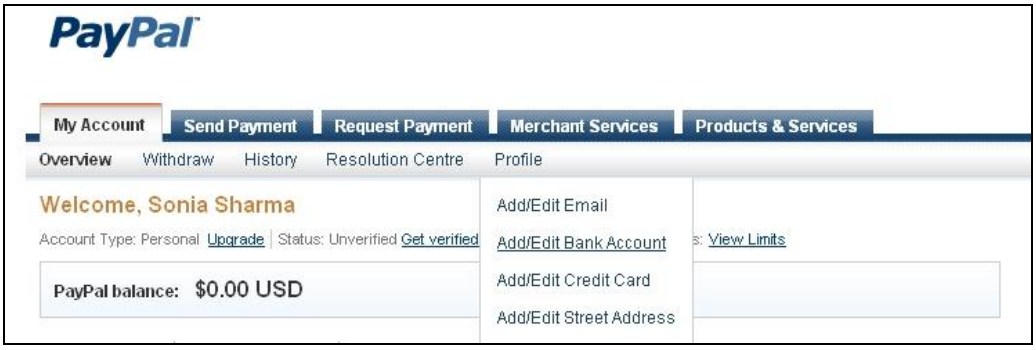


Fig 3-b: Adding Bank Account

6) Enter anything into Bank Name and click "Add Bank.

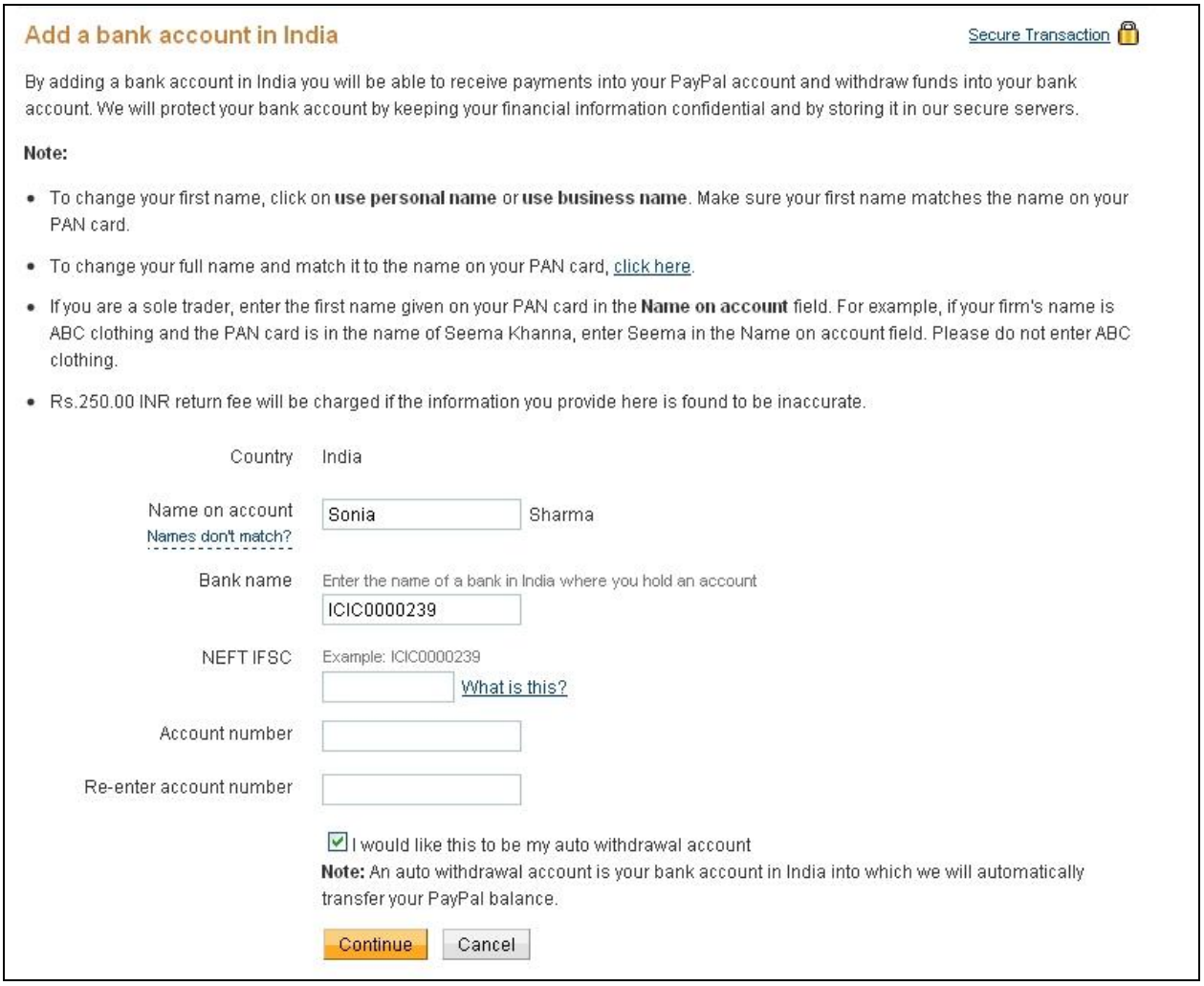

Add a bank account in India
Secure Transaction
By adding a bank account in India you will be able to receive payments into your PayPal account and withdraw funds into your bank account. We will protect your bank account by keeping your financial information confidential and by storing it in our secure servers.
Note:
To change your first name, click on use personal name or use business name. Make sure your first name matches the name on your PAN card.
To change your full name and match it to the name on your PAN card, click here.
If you are a sole trader, enter the first name given on your PAN card in the Name on account field. For example, if your firm's name is ABC clothing and the PAN card is in the name of Seema Khanna, enter Seema in the Name on account field. Please do not enter ABC clothing.
Rs.250.00 INR return fee will be charged if the information you provide here is found to be inaccurate.
Country
India
Name on account
Names don't match?
Sonia
Sharma
Bank name
Enter the name of a bank in India where you hold an account
ICIC0000239
NEFT IFSC
Example: ICIC0000239
What is this?
Account number
Re-enter account number
I would like this to be my auto withdrawal account
Note: An auto withdrawal account is your bank account in India into which we will automatically transfer your PayPal balance.
Continue
Cancel

Fig 3-c: Adding Bank Name

7) Return to the Overview menu, and click on Confirm Bank Account in the left column, then click on Submit to confirm the account.

8) Return to the Overview menu, and click the Add Credit Card link in the left hand column of the page.

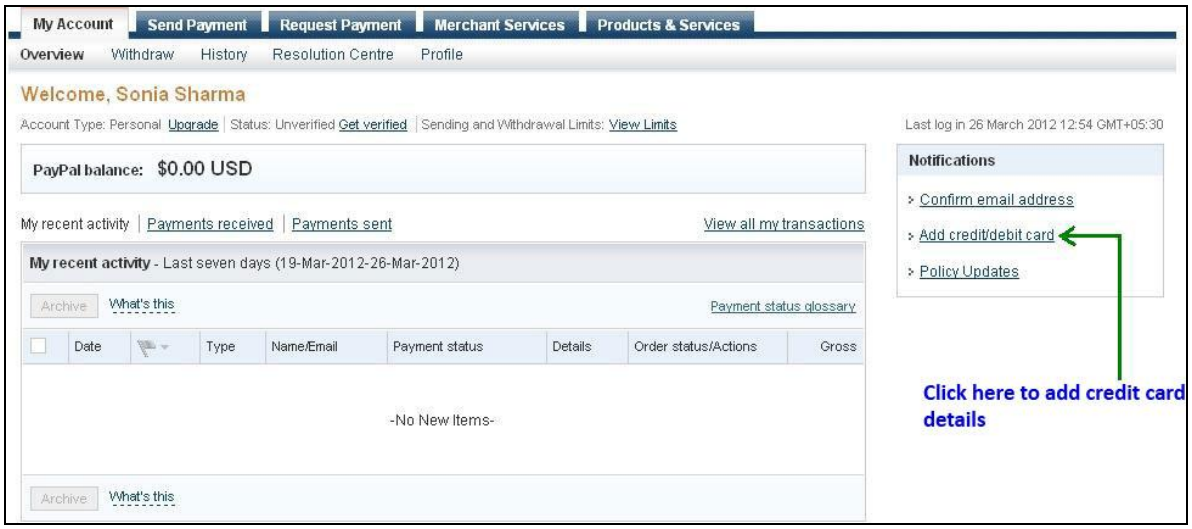


Fig 3-d: Add Credit Card Details Link

9) Write down the Card Number Expiration Date and Card Verification Number, you will use this card to test your Direct Payment installation.

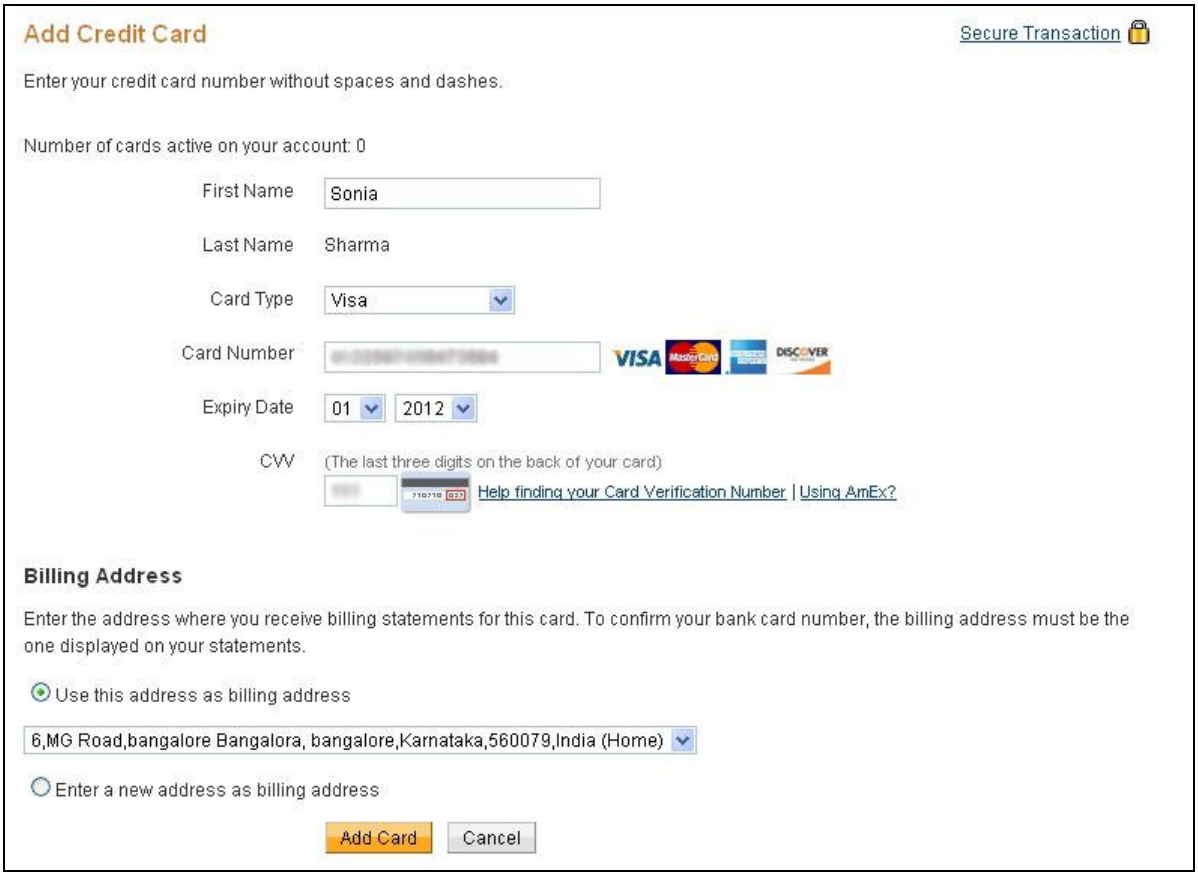

Add Credit Card
Secure Transaction
Enter your credit card number without spaces and dashes.
Number of cards active on your account: 0
First Name
Sonia
Last Name
Sharma
Card Type
Visa
Card Number
Expiry Date
01
2012
CVV
(The last three digits on the back of your card)
Help finding your Card Verification Number | Using AmEx?
Billing Address
Enter the address where you receive billing statements for this card. To confirm your bank card number, the billing address must be the one displayed on your statements.
Use this address as billing address
6,MG Road,bangalore Bangalora, bangalore,Karnataka,560079,India (Home)
Enter a new address as billing address
Add Card
Cancel

Fig 3-e: Add Credit Card Details

10) Click the Add Card button to complete this process.

Create and Configure a Live Account

Follow all the instructions to set up your normal business PayPal account to use Web Payments Pro, including account verification, back account verification and signing up for Web Payments Pro (This last step may take 24-48 hours for approval, and you have to wait to continue).

Apply for Website Payments Pro

1) Return to your Business Account Overview page and click the Merchant Tools tab

2) Under Website Payments Pro, click Learn More

3) Under Getting Started, click Submit application

4) Complete the application form and click Continue.

5) On the Application Approved page, click Getting started with PayPal (this step may be delayed for live accounts)

6) Follow the link to accept the billing agreement (this step may be delayed for live accounts)

7) You are taken to a page for API Setup. For details on this, continue on to STEP 3: Setting up your API credentials

Setting up your API credentials

Follow these steps to generate your API Signature. If you are testing with a Sandbox account, repeat these steps for both your Sandbox and Live accounts.

1. Log in to your PayPal Business account.
2. Click the Profile subtab located in the top navigation area.
3. Click the API Access link under the Account Information header.
4. Click the Get Started link under the Request API Credentials heading.
5. Click the API signature radio button under the Credential Type heading.
6. Complete the API Credential Request form by clicking the agreement checkbox and clicking Submit.
7. Write down the values listed next to API Username and Password
8. Select the value listed next to Signature Hash, copy it, and save it to a file or some other location. This is your API Signature.

You have now generated your API Username, API Password, and API Signature.

Setting up your API permissions

1. Log in to your PayPal Business account.
2. Click the Profile subtab located in the top navigation area.
3. Click the API Access link under the Account Information header.
4. Click the Grant API Permission link.
5. Enter API Username you have generated on the previous step into the text input.
6. Click Direct_Payment and Express_Checkout checkboxes.
7. Click Submit to save your changes.
8. On the next screen, agree to Give Permission.

You now granted API access to generated SSL signature and it is now ready to use.

Configuring AMS for PayPal Pro plugin

1. Login into your AMS Pro control panel.
2. Go to AMS CP -> Setup -> Plugins.
3. Enable paypal_pro plugin if it was not enabled before, click Save.

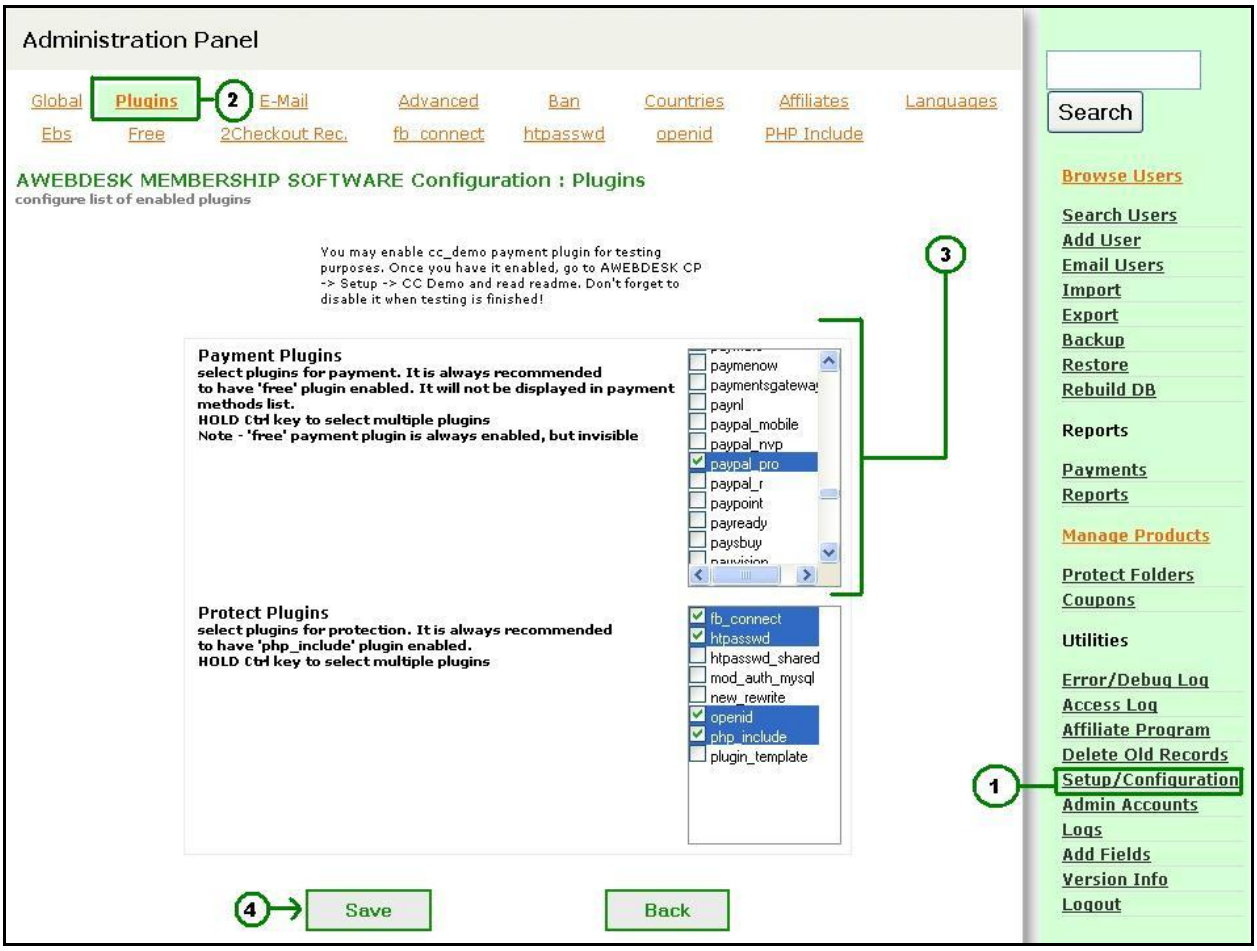


Fig 4-a: Payment Processors

4. Go to AMS CP -> Setup -> PayPal Pro
5. Copy/paste API Username, API Password and API Signature you have received on the step 3, click Save

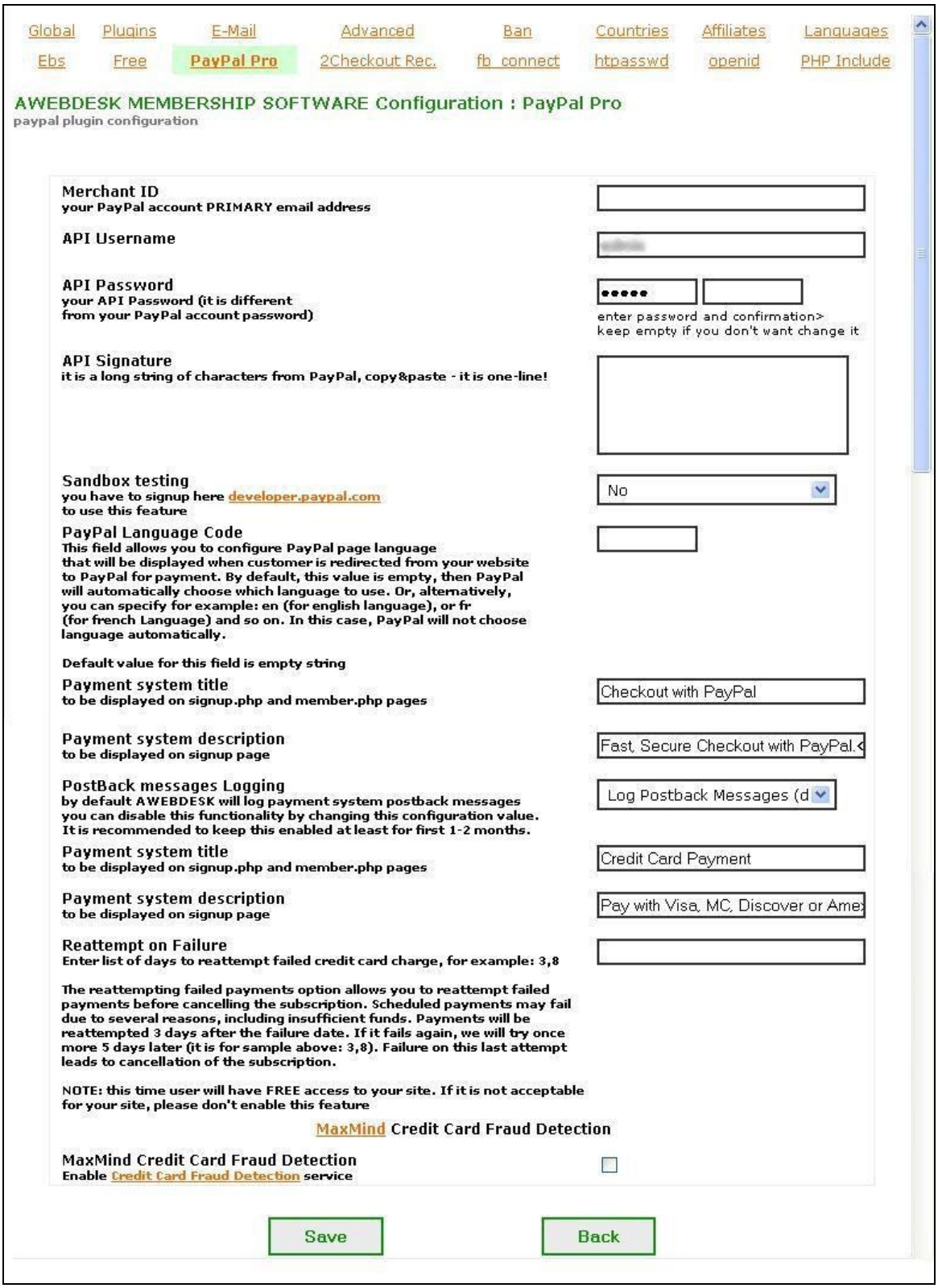

Global
Plugins
E-Mail
Advanced
Ban
Countries
Affiliates
Languages
Ebs
Free
PayPal Pro
2Checkout Rec.
fb_connect
htpasswd
openid
PHP Include
AWEBDESK MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE Configuration : PayPal Pro
paypal plugin configuration
Merchant ID
your PayPal account PRIMARY email address
API Username
API Password
your API Password (it is different from your PayPal account password)
enter password and confirmation>
keep empty if you don't want change it
API Signature
it is a long string of characters from PayPal, copy&paste - it is one-line!
Sandbox testing
you have to signup here developer.paypal.com to use this feature
No
PayPal Language Code
This field allows you to configure PayPal page language that will be displayed when customer is redirected from your website to PayPal for payment. By default, this value is empty, then PayPal will automatically choose which language to use. Or, alternatively, you can specify for example: en (for english language), or fr (for french Language) and so on. In this case, PayPal will not choose language automatically.
Default value for this field is empty string
Payment system title
to be displayed on signup.php and member.php pages
Checkout with PayPal
Payment system description
to be displayed on signup page
Fast, Secure Checkout with PayPal.
PostBack messages Logging
by default AWEBDESK will log payment system postback messages you can disable this functionality by changing this configuration value. It is recommended to keep this enabled at least for first 1-2 months.
Log Postback Messages (d
Payment system title
to be displayed on signup.php and member.php pages
Credit Card Payment
Payment system description
to be displayed on signup page
Pay with Visa, MC, Discover or Ame
Reattempt on Failure
Enter list of days to reattempt failed credit card charge, for example: 3,8
The reattempting failed payments option allows you to reattempt failed payments before cancelling the subscription. Scheduled payments may fail due to several reasons, including insufficient funds. Payments will be reattempted 3 days after the failure date. If it fails again, we will try once more 5 days later (it is for sample above: 3,8). Failure on this last attempt leads to cancellation of the subscription.
NOTE: this time user will have FREE access to your site. If it is not acceptable for your site, please don't enable this feature
MaxMind Credit Card Fraud Detection
MaxMind Credit Card Fraud Detection
Enable Credit Card Fraud Detection service
Save
Back

Fig 4-b: Configuring AMS for PayPal Pro plugin

3) PayPal Standard Plugin Configuration

This plugin uses traditional PayPal integration interface and supports both recurring and non-recurring payments.

Configure Your PayPal account

For PayPal to process payments correctly and pass the relevant information back to AMS, you need to set the PayPal IPN (Instant Payment Notification) URL.

1. To do this you must Login to your PayPal Account.
2. Go to the Profile subtab

Fig 5-a: Profile Subtab

3. Click on Instant Payment Notification Preferences link in the Selling Preferences column.

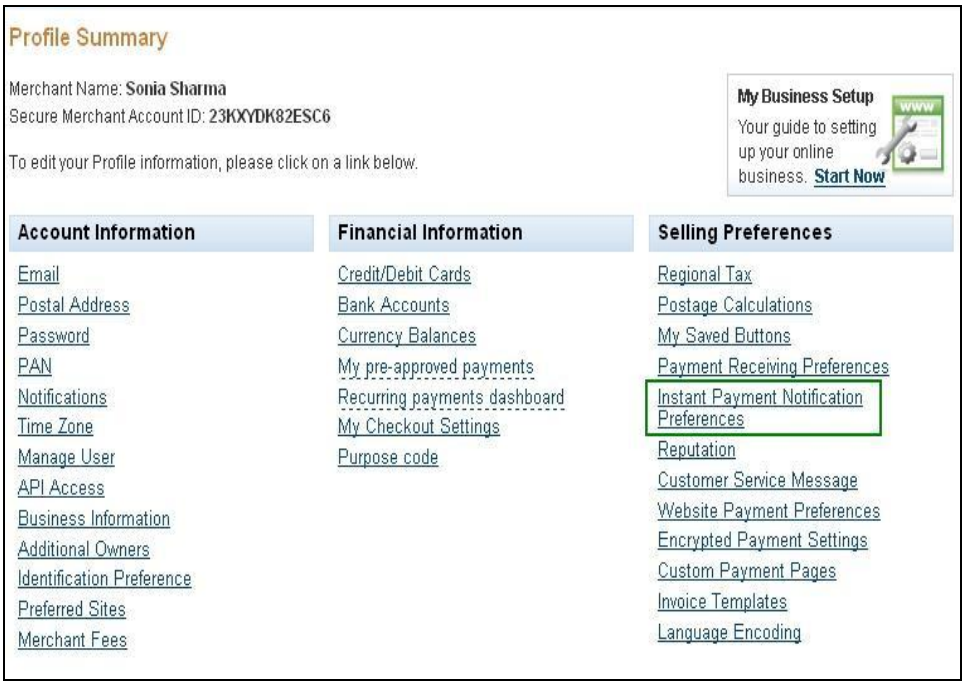


Fig 5-b: Instant Payment Notification Preferences Tab

4. Click Edit
5. Check the box
6. **Optionally** enter the URL to the file ipn.php in your installation: http://www.yoursite.int/AMS/plugins/payment/paypal_r/ipn.php (please read note below regarding this URL)

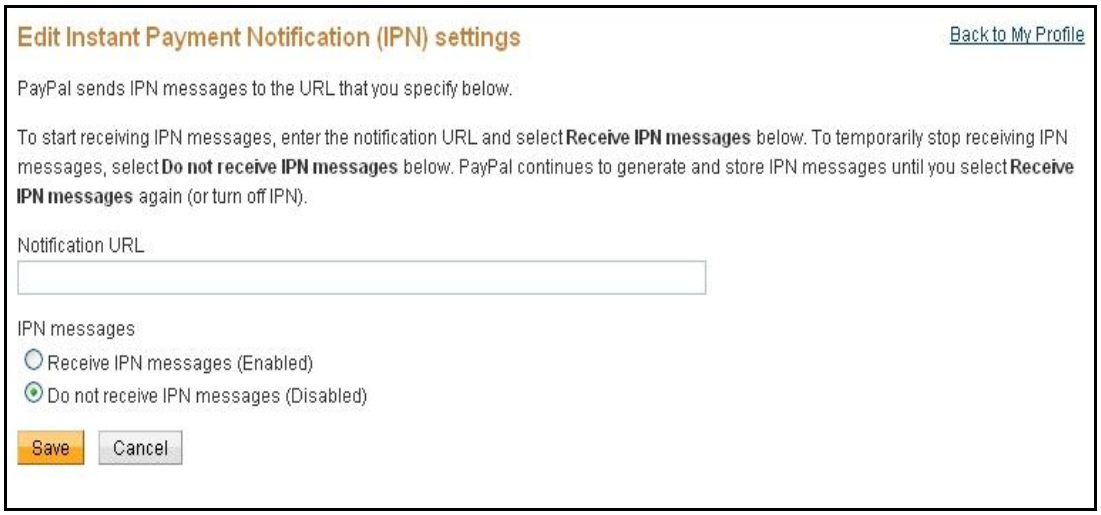

Edit Instant Payment Notification (IPN) settings
Back to My Profile
PayPal sends IPN messages to the URL that you specify below.
To start receiving IPN messages, enter the notification URL and select Receive IPN messages below. To temporarily stop receiving IPN messages, select Do not receive IPN messages below. PayPal continues to generate and store IPN messages until you select Receive IPN messages again (or turn off IPN).
Notification URL
IPN messages
Receive IPN messages (Enabled)
Do not receive IPN messages (Disabled)
Save
Cancel

Fig 5-c: Entering Notification URL

7. Click Save
8. Return to the Profile subtab
9. Click on Website Payment Preferences link in the Selling Preferences column

Fig 5-d: Website Payment Preferences Tab

- Auto Return for Website Payments - keep empty or keep default value
- Payment Data Transfer - keep off or on (does not matter for AMS)
- Encrypted Website Payments - set to off
- PayPal Account Optional - set to on if you wish to allow credit card payments without creating PayPal account
- Contact Telephone Number - on your choice
- Press Save button

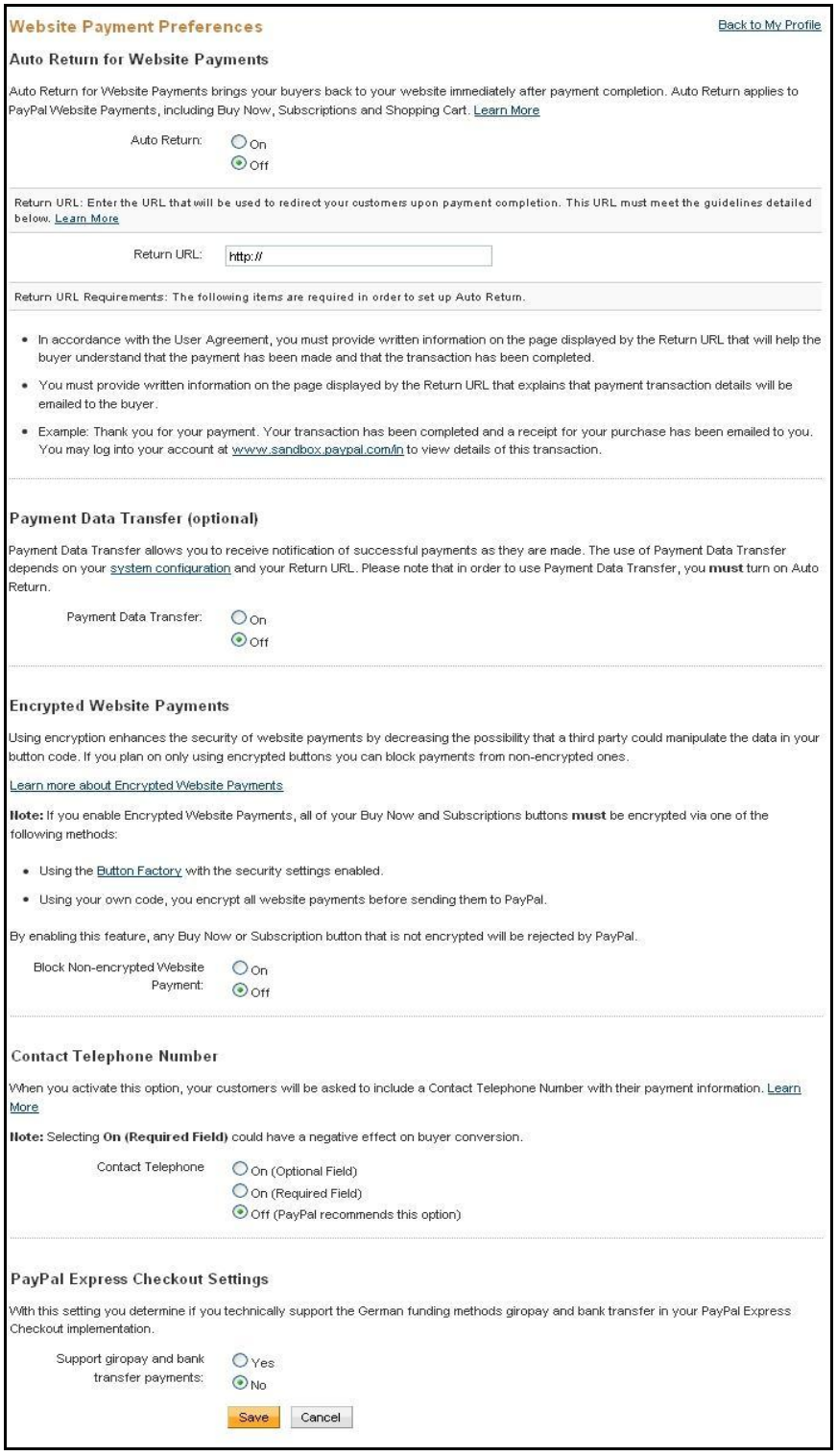

Website Payment Preferences
Back to My Profile
Auto Return for Website Payments
Auto Return for Website Payments brings your buyers back to your website immediately after payment completion. Auto Return applies to PayPal Website Payments, including Buy Now, Subscriptions and Shopping Cart. Learn More
Auto Return:
On
Off
Return URL: Enter the URL that will be used to redirect your customers upon payment completion. This URL must meet the guidelines detailed below. Learn More
Return URL:
http://
Return URL Requirements: The following items are required in order to set up Auto Return.
In accordance with the User Agreement, you must provide written information on the page displayed by the Return URL that will help the buyer understand that the payment has been made and that the transaction has been completed.
You must provide written information on the page displayed by the Return URL that explains that payment transaction details will be emailed to the buyer.
Example: Thank you for your payment. Your transaction has been completed and a receipt for your purchase has been emailed to you. You may log into your account at www.sandbox.paypal.com/in to view details of this transaction.
Payment Data Transfer (optional)
Payment Data Transfer allows you to receive notification of successful payments as they are made. The use of Payment Data Transfer depends on your system configuration and your Return URL. Please note that in order to use Payment Data Transfer, you must turn on Auto Return.
Payment Data Transfer:
On
Off
Encrypted Website Payments
Using encryption enhances the security of website payments by decreasing the possibility that a third party could manipulate the data in your button code. If you plan on only using encrypted buttons you can block payments from non-encrypted ones.
Learn more about Encrypted Website Payments
Note: If you enable Encrypted Website Payments, all of your Buy Now and Subscriptions buttons must be encrypted via one of the following methods:
Using the Button Factory with the security settings enabled.
Using your own code, you encrypt all website payments before sending them to PayPal.
By enabling this feature, any Buy Now or Subscription button that is not encrypted will be rejected by PayPal.
Block Non-encrypted Website Payment:
On
Off
Contact Telephone Number
When you activate this option, your customers will be asked to include a Contact Telephone Number with their payment information. Learn More
Note: Selecting On (Required Field) could have a negative effect on buyer conversion.
Contact Telephone
On (Optional Field)
On (Required Field)
Off (PayPal recommends this option)
PayPal Express Checkout Settings
With this setting you determine if you technically support the German funding methods giropay and bank transfer in your PayPal Express Checkout implementation.
Support giropay and bank transfer payments:
Yes
No
Save
Cancel

Fig 5-e: Website Payment Preferences

Configure AMS

Login to *AMS CP*

1. Click *Setup/Configuration* in main menu (left)
2. Click *Plugins* in *Setup/Configuration menu* (top right)
3. Enable *paypal_r* plugin in the payment plugins list
4. Click *Save* button.

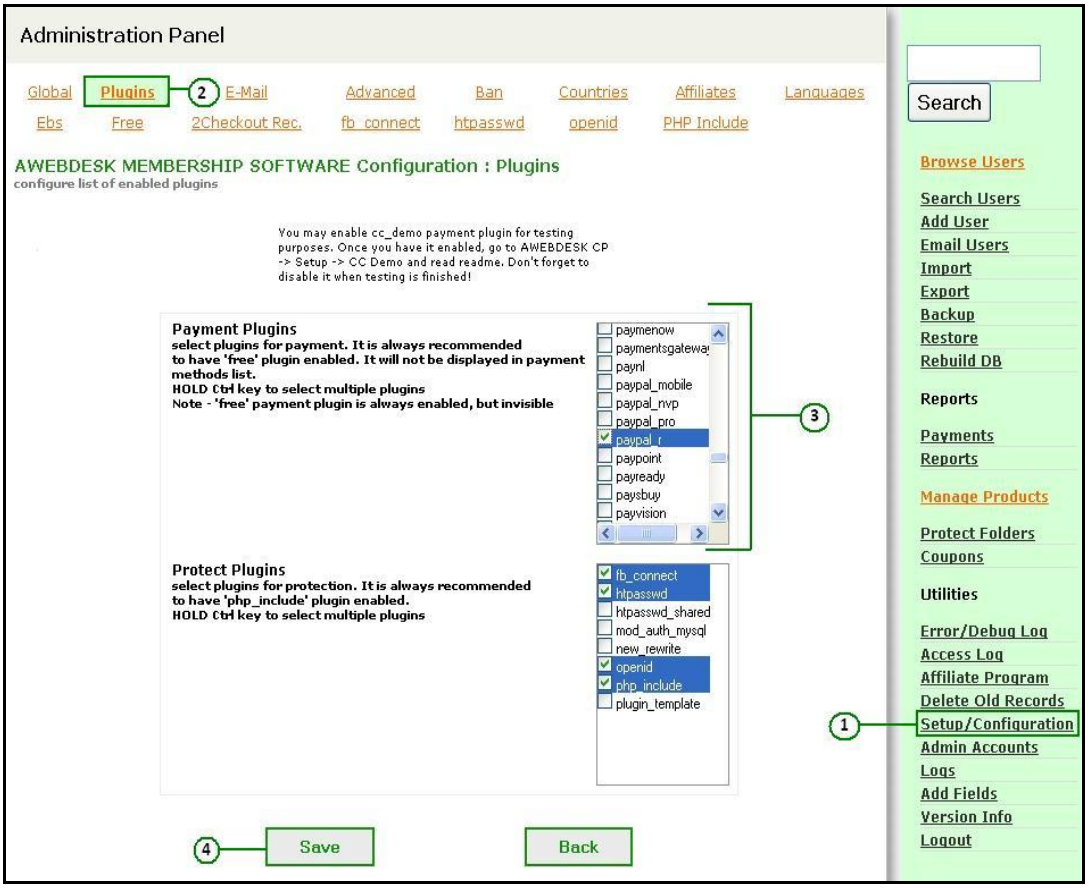


Fig 6-a: Configure AMS

5. Click *PayPal*

Fig 6-b: PayPal Navigation Tab

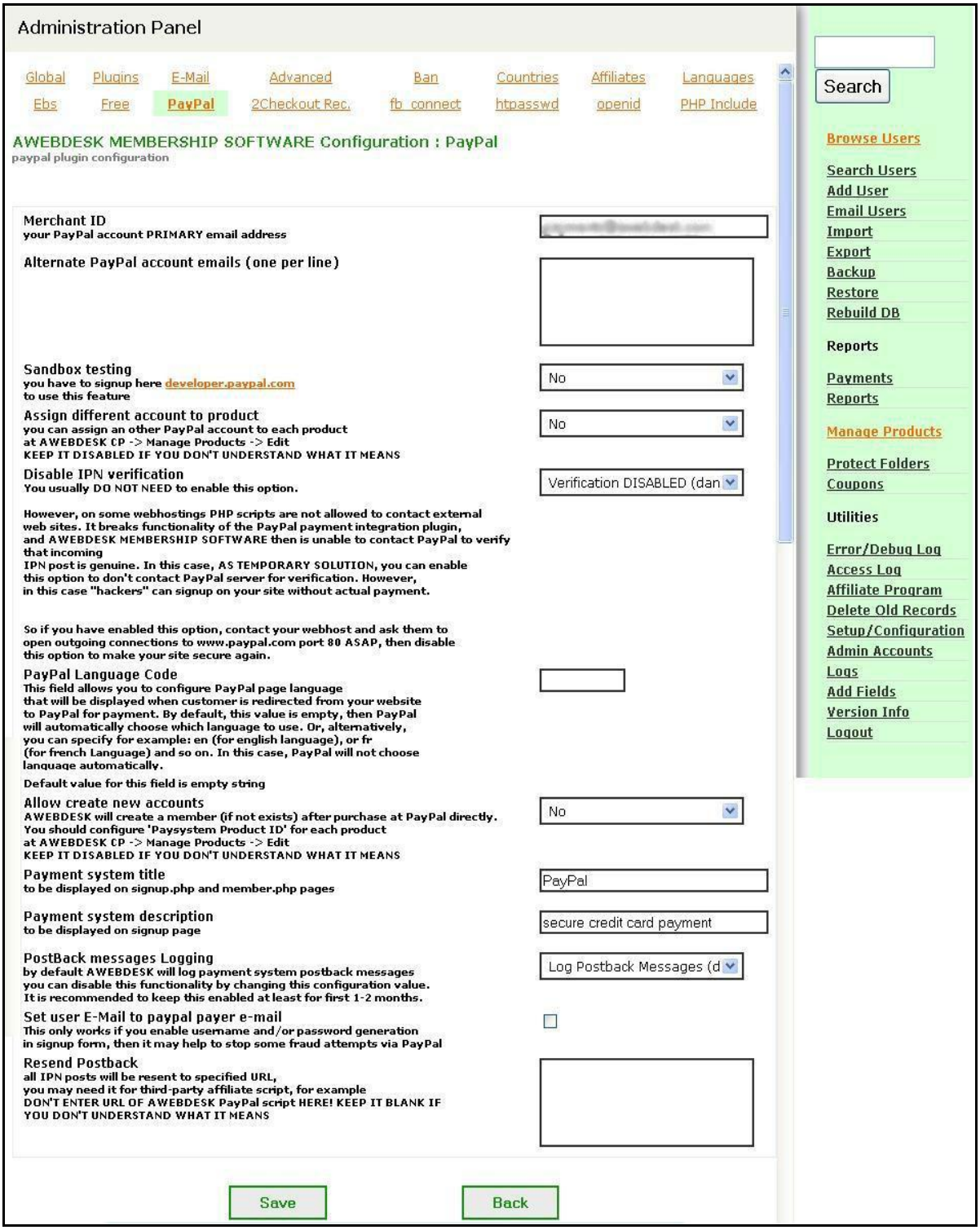

Administration Panel
Global
Plugins
E-Mail
Advanced
Ban
Countries
Affiliates
Languages
Ebs
Free
PayPal
2Checkout Rec.
fb_connect
htpasswd
openid
PHP Include
AWEBDESK MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE Configuration : PayPal
paypal plugin configuration
Merchant ID
your PayPal account PRIMARY email address
Alternate PayPal account emails (one per line)
Sandbox testing
you have to signup here developer.paypal.com
to use this feature
No
Assign different account to product
you can assign an other PayPal account to each product
at AWEBDESK CP -> Manage Products -> Edit
KEEP IT DISABLED IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS
No
Disable IPN verification
You usually DO NOT NEED to enable this option.
Verification DISABLED (dan
However, on some webhostings PHP scripts are not allowed to contact external
web sites. It breaks functionality of the PayPal payment integration plugin,
and AWEBDESK MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE then is unable to contact PayPal to verify
that incoming
IPN post is genuine. In this case, AS TEMPORARY SOLUTION, you can enable
this option to don't contact PayPal server for verification. However,
in this case "hackers" can signup on your site without actual payment.
So if you have enabled this option, contact your webhost and ask them to
open outgoing connections to www.paypal.com port 80 ASAP, then disable
this option to make your site secure again.
PayPal Language Code
This field allows you to configure PayPal page language
that will be displayed when customer is redirected from your website
to PayPal for payment. By default, this value is empty, then PayPal
will automatically choose which language to use. Or, alternatively,
you can specify for example: en (for english language), or fr
(for french Language) and so on. In this case, PayPal will not choose
language automatically.
Default value for this field is empty string
Allow create new accounts
AWEBDESK will create a member (if not exists) after purchase at PayPal directly.
You should configure 'Paysystem Product ID' for each product
at AWEBDESK CP -> Manage Products -> Edit
KEEP IT DISABLED IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS
No
Payment system title
to be displayed on signup.php and member.php pages
PayPal
Payment system description
to be displayed on signup page
secure credit card payment
PostBack messages Logging
by default AWEBDESK will log payment system postback messages
you can disable this functionality by changing this configuration value.
It is recommended to keep this enabled at least for first 1-2 months.
Log Postback Messages (d
Set user E-Mail to paypal payer e-mail
This only works if you enable username and/or password generation
in signup form, then it may help to stop some fraud attempts via PayPal
Resend Postback
all IPN posts will be resent to specified URL,
you may need it for third-party affiliate script, for example
DON'T ENTER URL OF AWEBDESK PayPal script HERE! KEEP IT BLANK IF
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS
Save
Back
Search
Browse Users
Search Users
Add User
Email Users
Import
Export
Backup
Restore
Rebuild DB
Reports
Payments
Reports
Manage Products
Protect Folders
Coupons
Utilities
Error/Debug Log
Access Log
Affiliate Program
Delete Old Records
Setup/Configuration
Admin Accounts
Logs
Add Fields
Version Info
Logout

Fig 6-c: AMS Configuration: PayPal

6. Enter Merchant ID - it **must be your PRIMARY PayPal EMAIL**
7. Optionally edit Payment System and Payment System Description that will be displayed on signup page
8. Click Save button.

You are now ready to run a test payment.

Important Notes

1. For payments through PayPal to be processed automatically by AMS you MUST have a business or premium account. If you use a personal account you will have to approve the payment in PayPal and then mark it completed in the AMS Admin Control Panel before the user will have access.
2. The PayPal Recurring plugin behavior may appear strange, but it is correct. It sets the expiry date for any active subscription to a future date in the year 2012. When the subscription is cancelled, the expiry date is automatically set to yesterday's date - it disables subscription access automatically.
3. **It is not required to change IPN URL in your account** if you have it already entered (from another script, for example). It does not make matter which IPN URL is entered, it is only required that IPN is enabled in PayPal account. AMS will anyway pass IPN URL with each payment request, and PayPal will use given URL (it overrides setting in PayPal account).
4. **MOST IMPORTANT** - Email address entered into AMS settings MUST match your PayPal account primary email address, else automatic payment confirmation will not work.

Tax Handling

- For non-recurring payments AMS passes correct tax value (which you configured at AMS CP->Setup->Tax) and it works well.
- For recurring payments there is **no ability** to pass calculated tax to PayPal.

Coupons

Coupons are a useful way to offer an incentive to get people to join your membership site.
For example, you could issue coupons to your past customers, or give them to your affiliates to use in order to boost sales.
If you want to provide any discount on your products then you can easily generate discount coupons so that your users can use them to avail particular discount when they pay for any of your products. This will help you to increase your products popularity and users will attract to your products if they see some discounts and offers.

How to create a coupon

Follow the below steps to create and use coupons:

Step1: Go to Coupons

Step2: Click on Generate Coupons

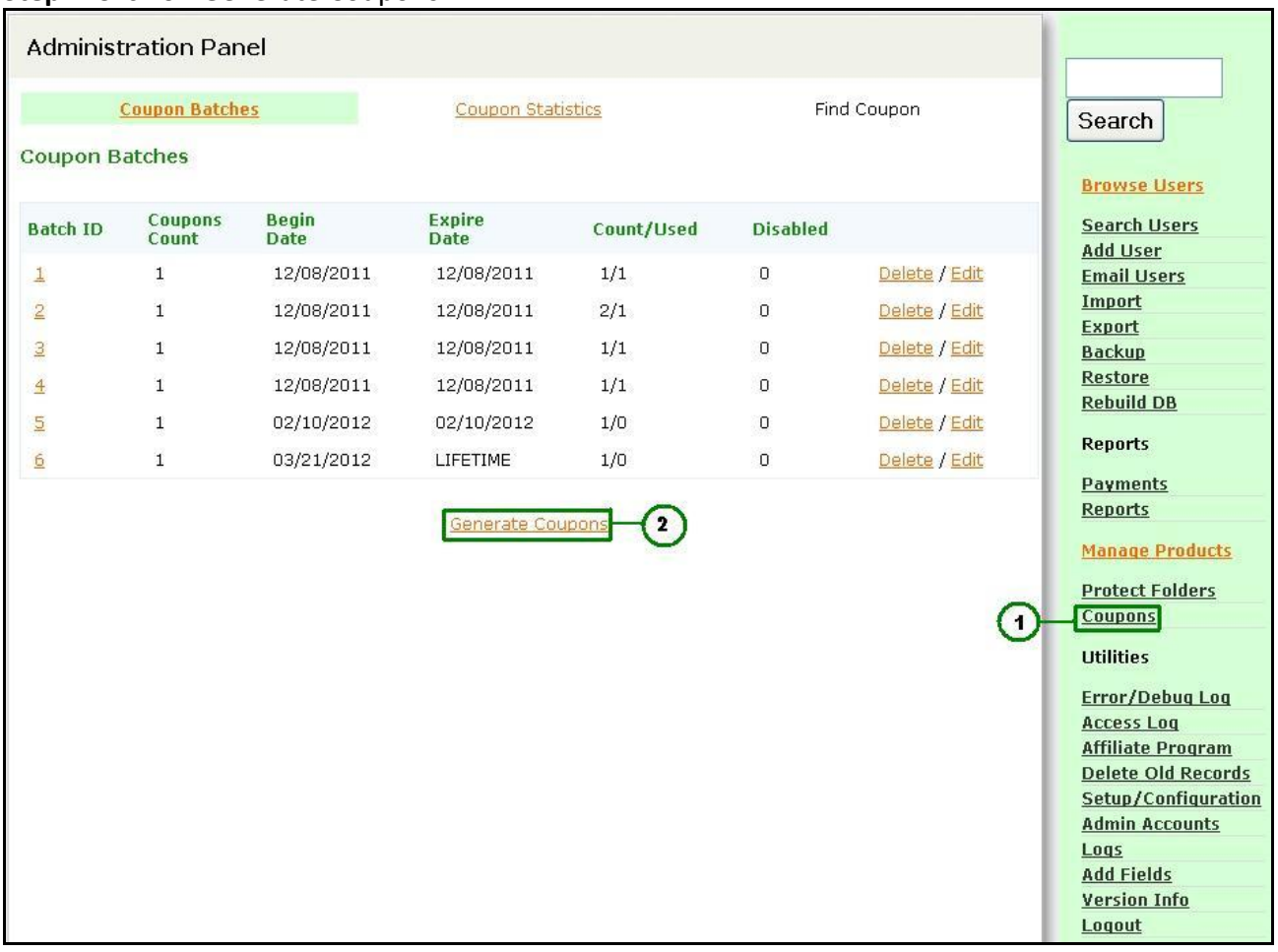


Fig 7-a: Generate Coupon

Note: You can check all available coupons details anytime by clicking on “Coupon Batches” or check coupon statistics by clicking on “Coupon Statistics” (Refer Fig. 7-a).

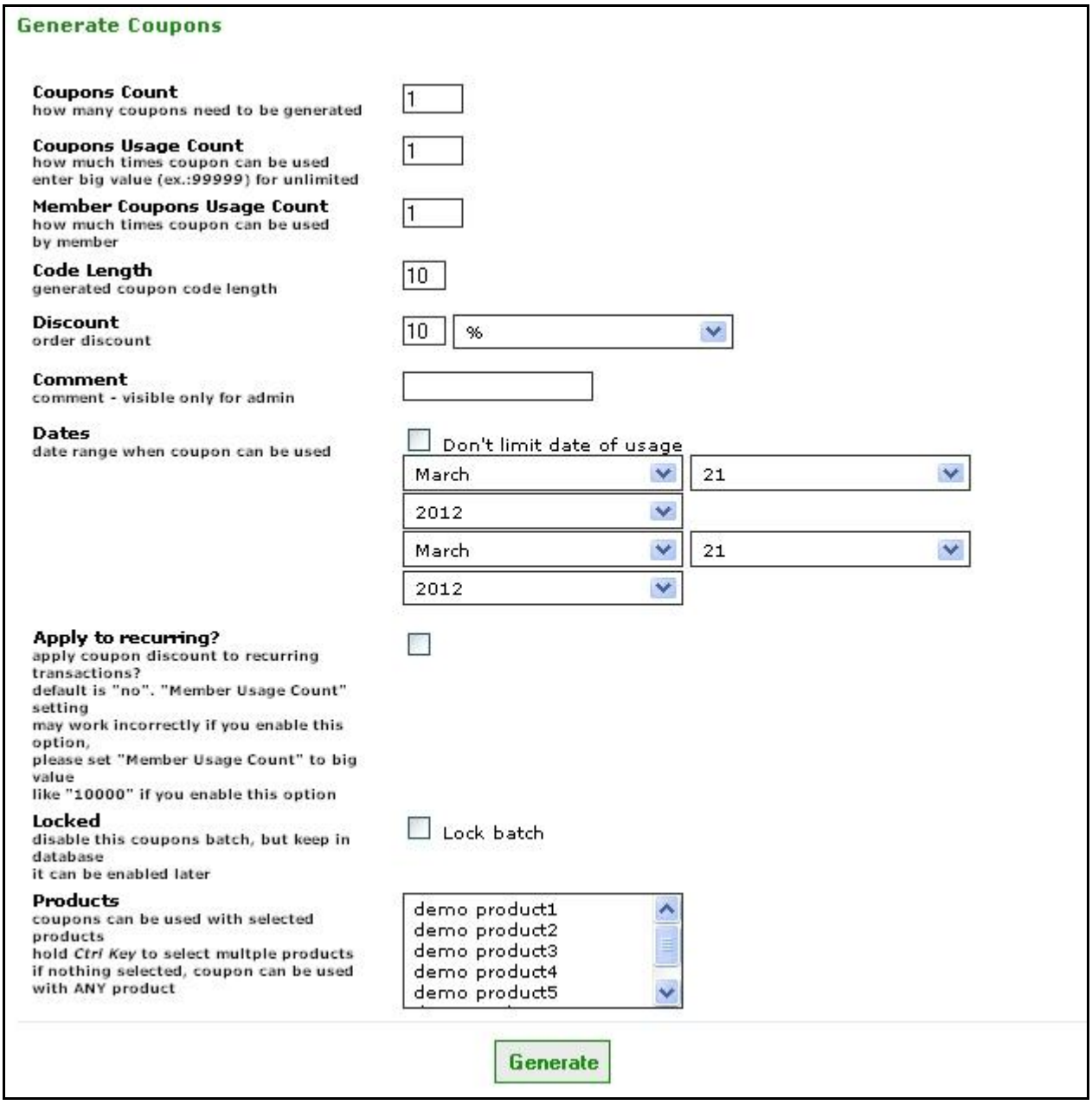


Fig 7-b: Coupon Details

Step3: Provide all details in the fields carefully.

Step4: Now copy the generated code and supply this to your customers to avail offers or you can use this in advertising.

Coupons Generated
Please copy the following generated coupon codes and use it for your advertising company.
773AA48020
Return to batches list

Fig 7-c: Coupon Code Generated

Autoresponders

AwebDesk Membership Software has a built-in system for emailing your members, but you might prefer to use an external autoresponder service to contact your members instead.

AwebDesk Membership Software supports any autoresponder service, as long as they can provide you with some simple HTML code.

The way the autoresponder works in AwebDesk Membership Software is that when members first login to their member's area, in the background a special "post" will be made to the autoresponder but the member won't notice this happening.

How to activate autoresponder in your AwebDesk Membership Software

Step1: Go to Setup/Configuration > Email.

"Autoresponse" Messages
Send Automatic Emails
user can receive automatic emails after signup. You can setup series of emails to be sent.
Enable Send Automatic Emails
Please choose days when e-mail messages must be sent.
Then use 'Edit E-Mail Template' links to edit messages.
Add E-Mail Template
How to Send Automatic Emails after Renewal
When user renews subscription, AWEBDESK can resend days counter and start emails again from first one or AWEBDESK can continue old mailing cycle.
Continue old mailing cycle

Fig 7-d: Autoresponder

Step2: Scroll down the screen then you will see "Autoresponse" Messages option.
Step3: Check the "Enable Send Automatic Emails". You can add email template but you have to type the number of days for which this template will be activated.

Email Templates

Take the following steps to use and edit email templates:

Fig 8-a: Navigate to Setup/Configuration

1. After login as admin click on "**Setup/Configuration**: under **Utilities** in Right Side Navigation Bar on Dashboard. (Refer Fig 8-a)

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Fig 8-b: Navigate to Email System Configuration

2. You will be redirected to Awebdesk Membership Software Global Configuration by default then Click on "E-mail" (Refer Fig.8-b) to go into Email System Configuration wizard (Refer Fig.8-c).

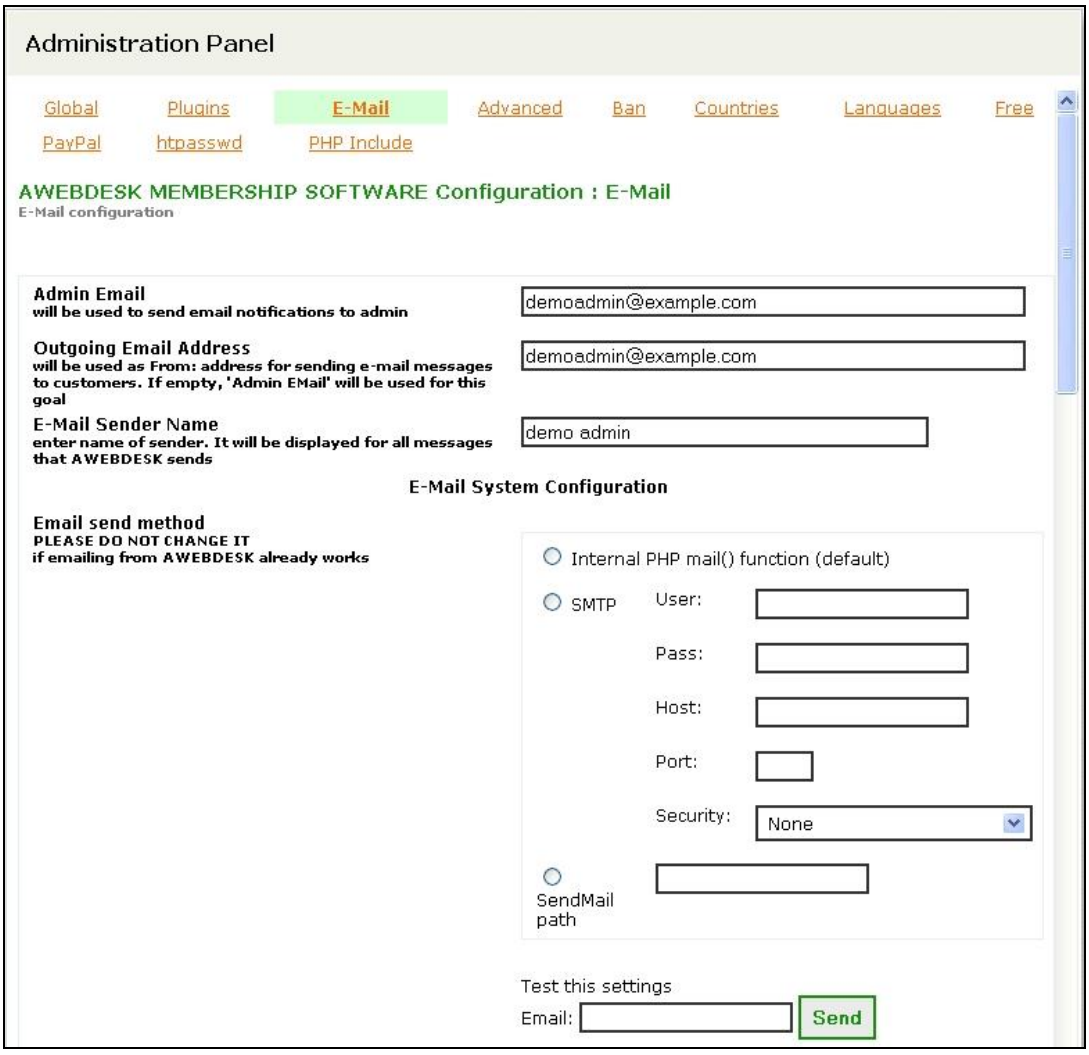


Fig 8-c: E-mail System Configuration

Step3: If you scroll down you will see options to use the templates for various messages to be send to customer before and after signup, payment related messages, subscription expiring messages, and many more (Refer Fig. 8-d).

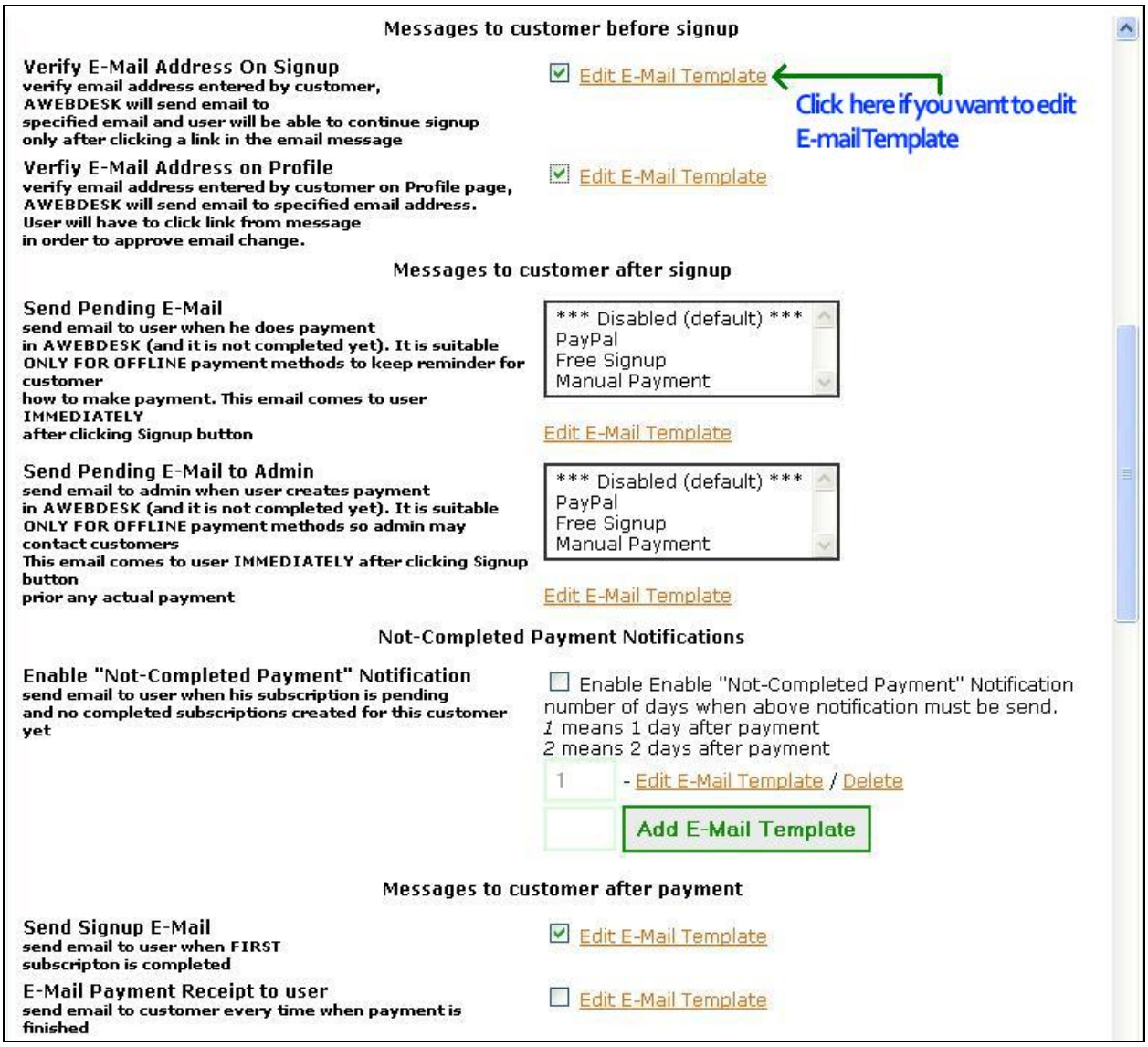

Messages to customer before signup
Verify E-Mail Address On Signup
verify email address entered by customer,
AWEBDESK will send email to
specified email and user will be able to continue signup
only after clicking a link in the email message
Edit E-Mail Template
Click here if you want to edit E-mail Template
Verfiy E-Mail Address on Profile
verify email address entered by customer on Profile page,
AWEBDESK will send email to specified email address.
User will have to click link from message
in order to approve email change.
Edit E-Mail Template
Messages to customer after signup
Send Pending E-Mail
send email to user when he does payment
in AWEBDESK (and it is not completed yet). It is suitable
ONLY FOR OFFLINE payment methods to keep reminder for customer
how to make payment. This email comes to user IMMEDIATELY
after clicking Signup button
*** Disabled (default) ***
PayPal
Free Signup
Manual Payment
Edit E-Mail Template
Send Pending E-Mail to Admin
send email to admin when user creates payment
in AWEBDESK (and it is not completed yet). It is suitable
ONLY FOR OFFLINE payment methods so admin may contact customers
This email comes to user IMMEDIATELY after clicking Signup button
prior any actual payment
*** Disabled (default) ***
PayPal
Free Signup
Manual Payment
Edit E-Mail Template
Not-Completed Payment Notifications
Enable "Not-Completed Payment" Notification
send email to user when his subscription is pending
and no completed subscriptions created for this customer yet
Enable Enable "Not-Completed Payment" Notification
number of days when above notification must be send.
1 means 1 day after payment
2 means 2 days after payment
1
- Edit E-Mail Template / Delete
Add E-Mail Template
Messages to customer after payment
Send Signup E-Mail
send email to user when FIRST subscripton is completed
Edit E-Mail Template
E-Mail Payment Receipt to user
send email to customer every time when payment is finished
Edit E-Mail Template

Fig 8-d: Email Templates

Step4: Click on the "Edit Email Template" option if you want to change any particular email template (Refer Fig. 8-d).

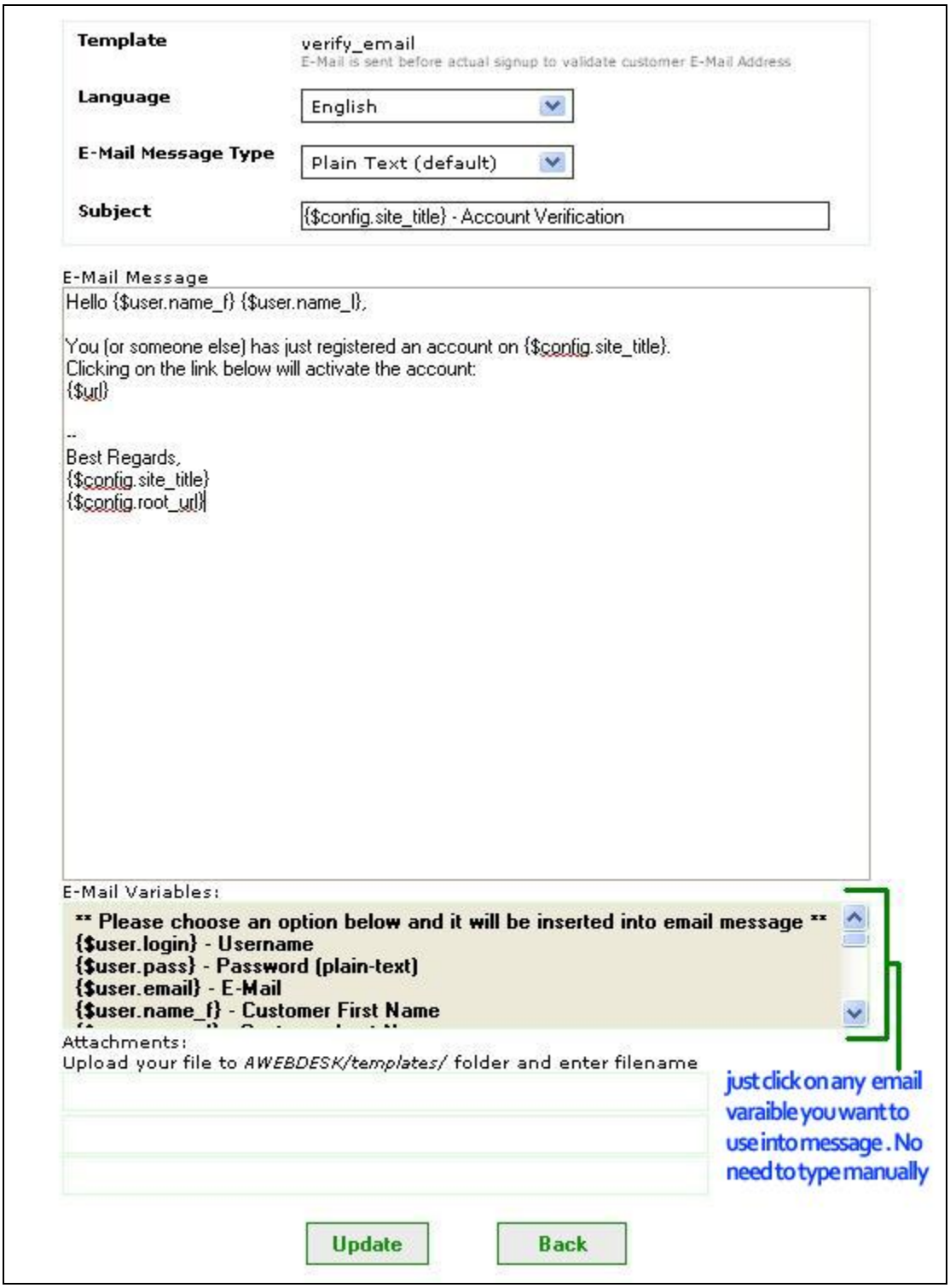

Template
verify_email
E-Mail is sent before actual signup to validate customer E-Mail Address
Language
English
E-Mail Message Type
Plain Text (default)
Subject
{$config.site_title} - Account Verification
E-Mail Message
Hello {$user.name_f} {$user.name_l},
You (or someone else) has just registered an account on {$config.site_title}.
Clicking on the link below will activate the account:
{$url}
--
Best Regards,
{$config.site_title}
{$config.root_url}
E-Mail Variables:
** Please choose an option below and it will be inserted into email message **
{$user.login} - Username
{$user.pass} - Password (plain-text)
{$user.email} - E-Mail
{$user.name_f} - Customer First Name
Attachments:
Upload your file to AWEBDESK/templates/ folder and enter filename
just click on any email varaible you want to use into message . No need to type manually
Update
Back

Fig 8-e: Editing Email Template

Step5: You can change the email language, message type (plain text, html, multipart), Subject line, and you can easily use the available email variables into your message without typing manually, you just need to click on variable you want to use then it will automatically pushed to the position where the cursor point at that time in message box (Refer Fig.8-e).

Step6: After editing the template click on "Update" to save the changes in template.

Folder Protection (Direct method, Easiest)

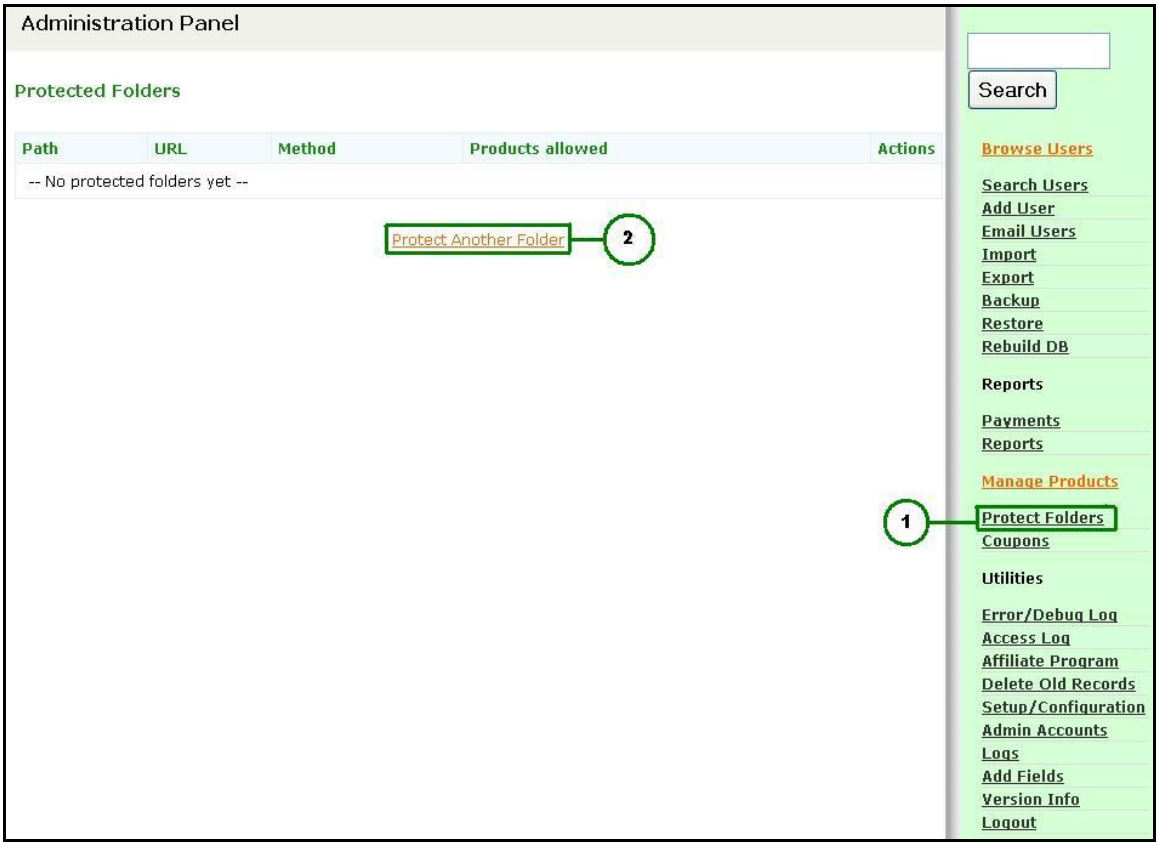


Fig 8-f: Protect Folder

Keep all the contents in the folder which you want to protect from unauthorized access or want to give viewing rights only to your members.
Lets Say you have kept all the protected content in *public_html/aem/mydata*
Follow the below steps to protect this folder:
Step1: Click on "Protect Folders" in the right side navigation bar then you will be redirected to folder protection wizard.
Step2: Click on "Protect Another Folder" and select "*public_html/aem/mydata*" and click enter to protect this folder from unauthorized access.

Folder Protection Methods

Essentially protection allows you to make one or more areas on your site available only for registered and not-expired customers.

If you have protection set up correctly, only ACTIVE, that is paid and non-expired, customers will be able to access the protected area or areas.

You already know that AMS allows you to have several membership types ("products") each of which broadly equates to a protected area. AMS allows considerable flexibility in setting up protection for these areas.

For example, suppose you have 2 folders on your site:

- */membersA/*
- */membersB/*

and you have 3 products:

- *Product #1* - gives access to folder A
- *Product #2* - gives access to folder B
- *Product #3* - gives access to both folder A and folder B

Please note: Products are always numbered. The id number is visible on the *AMS Admin CP -> Manage Products* page. First id is not always equal to 1, and second id is not always equal to first id increased by 1.

You can allow access as follows:

/membersA/
    access allowed for members subscribed to products #1 OR #3
/membersB/
    access allowed for members subscribed to products #2 OR #3

Enabling Protection Plugins

php_include plugin is enabled by default, and you should not disable it. It is used for all protection methods except *htpasswd*.

To enable *htpasswd* plugin, follow instructions:

1. Visit *AMS CP -> Setup -> Plugins* and enable *htpasswd* (also select mod_auth_mysql,new_rewrite,php_include) in *Protection Plugins* list.

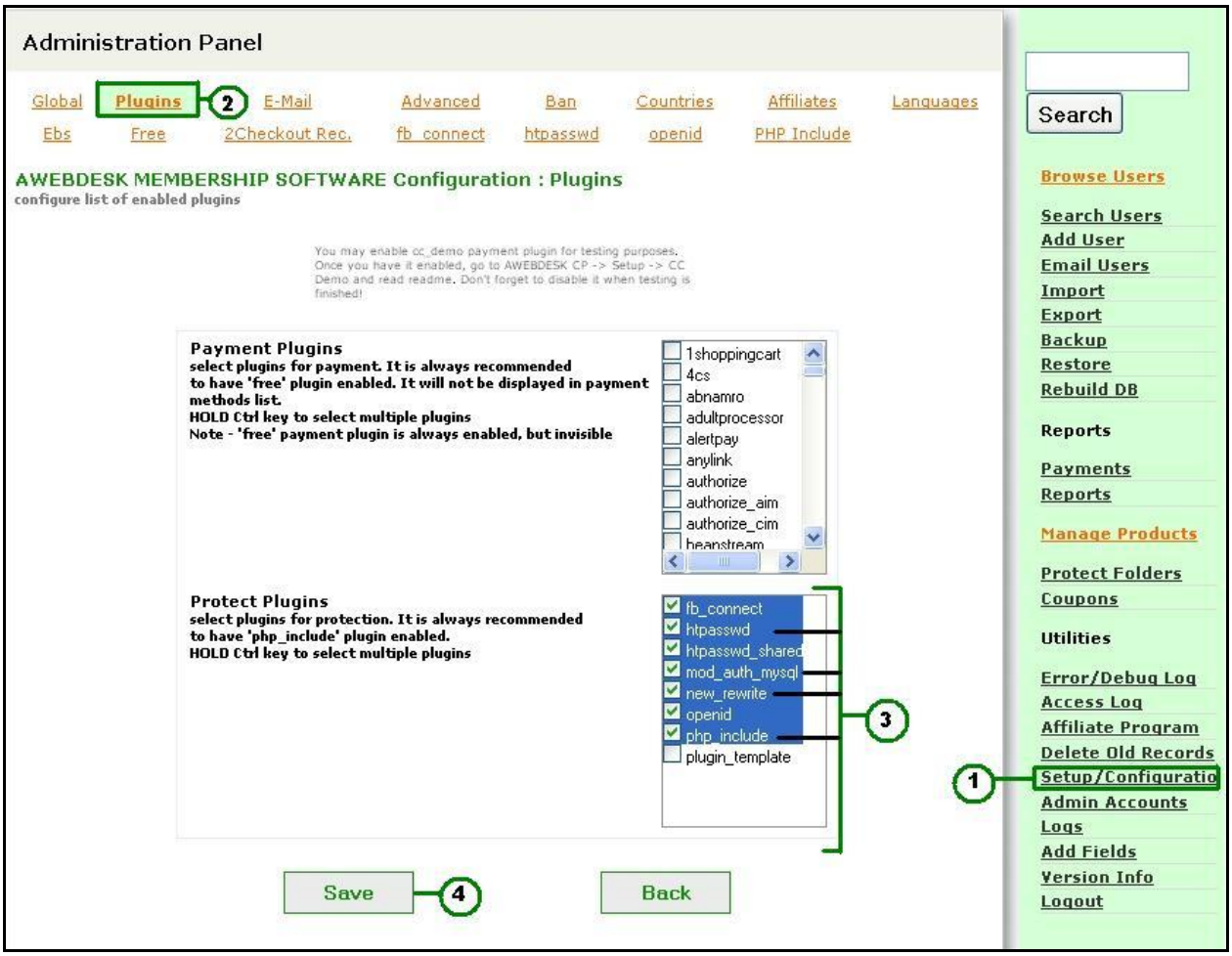


Fig 9-a: Activating Protect Plugins

2. Click to *AMS Cp -> Rebuild Db* to build .htpasswd and .htgroup files in AMS/data/ folder, else protection will not work until Midnight.

Available Protection Methods

(1) Htpasswd

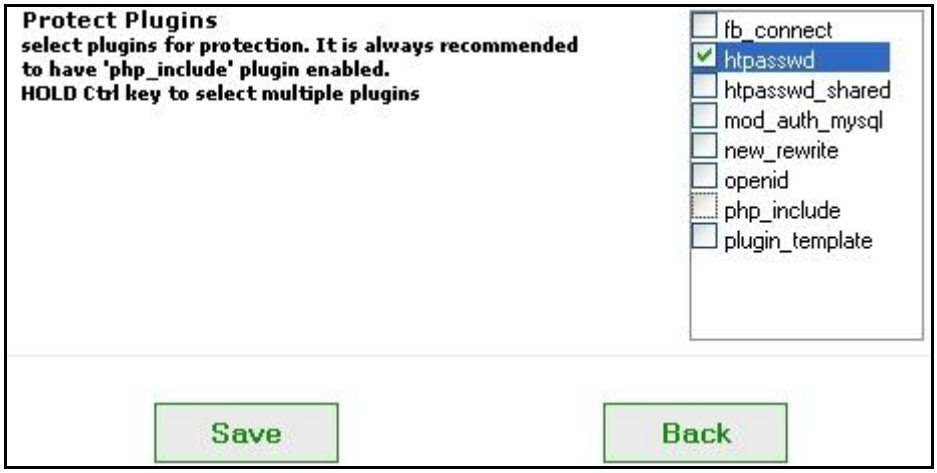


Fig 9-b: Select “htpasswd”

This plugin will work to provide protection on any Unix based hosting plan. It will protect all content in any protected directory. However there are some disadvantages compared to using php_include plugin - for details see here. If it is possible for you to do so we recommend that you use a php_include method.

Useful if:

- Due to server configuration, new_rewrite protection does not work for you

Requirements

No special requirements

Setting Up Protection

Just use *AMS CP -> Protect Folders* function.

How does it work (for programmers only)

AMS creates 2 files : *AMS/data/.htpasswd* and *AMS/data/.htgroup*. First defines usernames and password, and second - which active subscriptions every member has. *Protect Folders* function will create *.htaccess* files referring to these files for usual Apache htpasswd authentication.

Files are updated when new user signups, and completely rebuilt every Midnight.

Normally when a user enters a URL to a page protected with .htaccess an ugly gray login screen will pop up. After latest Internet Explorer fixes, it is impossible to avoid this login box.

(2) Mod Rewrite-php include

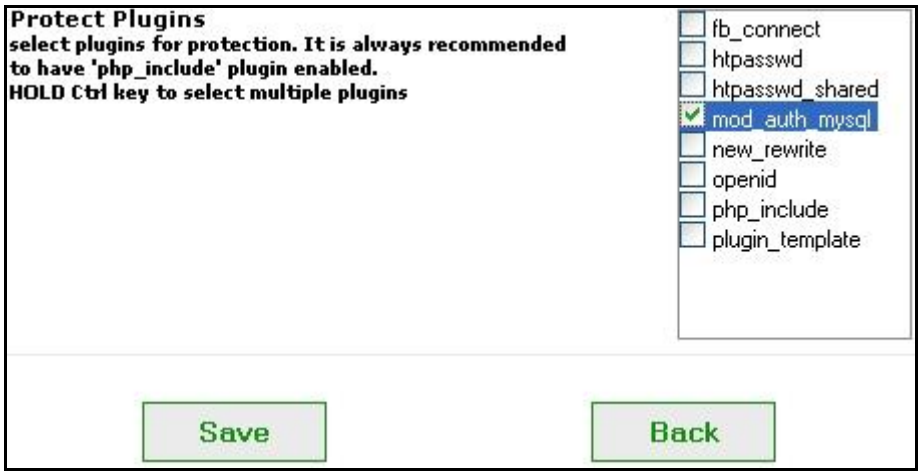


Fig 9-c: Select “mod_auth_mysql”

This plugin allow you add cookie-based login for protected content. Any kind of files (HTML, images, downloads, CGI scripts) can be protected, except complex PHP scripts. To protect complex PHP scripts use another method of protection.

Please note, it is always better to use new_rewrite protection method if possible.

Useful if:

- You wish to protect images, PDFs or other file.

Not useful if:

- Your server does not support mod_rewrite.
- You protect complex PHP scripts - this method will not work. You may use plain php_inlcude protection in this case.

Requirements

- mod_rewrite available from .htaccess files (see below)
- PHP compiled as an Apache module

See your hosting server information if you are unsure. Usually, any Cpanel-based hosting or dedicated server will work.

How does it work (for programmers only)

Apache's mod_rewrite process access to all pages/images/anything loading through AMS's file rewrite.php. This file checks the user's authorization in the database.

- If the user has an active subscription to the product or products then the protected content will be displayed.
- If the user is not authorized yet, or has an expired subscription, then the login form is displayed again with an error message.

(3) New Rewrite

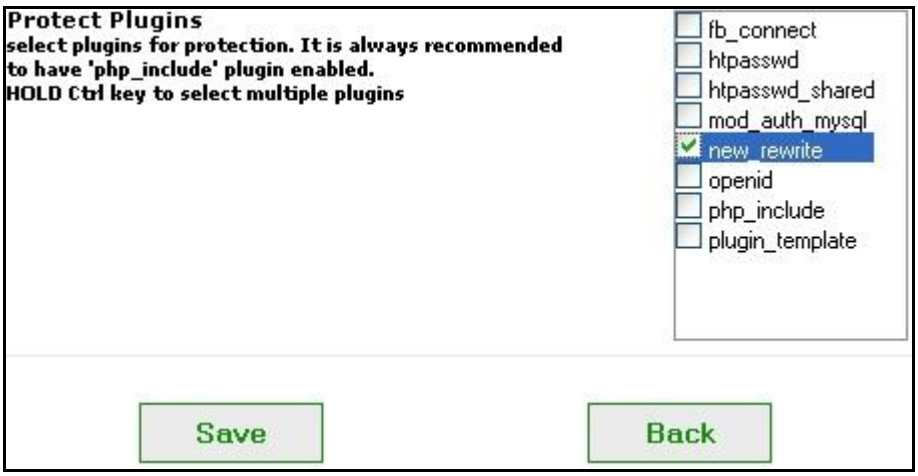


Fig 9-d: Select “new_rewrite”

This plugin allows you add cookie-based login for ANY protected content. It can protect both HTML files, downloadable content, and even complex PHP scripts. Currently, it is better and most recommended protection technique.

Useful if:

- You wish to protect CGI/PHP scripts, HTML content, images or downloads;

Not useful if:

- Your server does not support mod_rewrite.
- You/your scripts are already using PHP rewrite. In this case, this method may not work from scratch.

Requirements

- mod_rewrite available from .htaccess files (see below)

Setting Up Protection

Please go to *AMS CP -> Protect Folders* function and choose *new_rewrite* protection method.

How does it work (for programmers only)

Once user logs-in to AMS, it sets up an unique cookie named *AMS_nr* and creates several files in *AMS/data/new_rewrite/* folder. Specially constructed mod_rewrite rules in .htaccess file from the protected folder will check if user has the cookie set, and if files in the folder are actually created, and user has necessary access rights for the folder (active subscriptions to products). If yes, user is allowed to view requested page, image or file. If not, user redirected to AMS login page, where he can login, or signup-pay then login.

(4) PHP Include

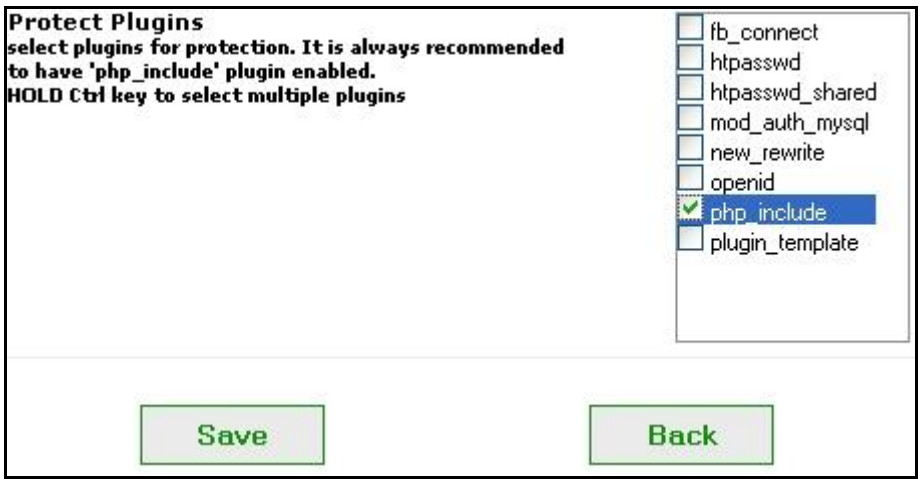


Fig 9-e: Select “php_include”

This plugin allow you add cookie-based login for protected-pages. It is particularly useful for adding paid membership support to an existing PHP-based application.

If your existing content is in standard.html files rather than .php files, see new_rewrite

Useful if:

- All your protected content, including images, is stored in PHP files.

Not useful if:

- Images, downloadable content or other non-PHP files are included in your protected content.

Requirements

- No special requirements

Setting Up Protection

Note: use AMS CP -> Protect Folders function instead. Described below is a manual procedure, and should be used only if AMS CP -> Protect Foldes doesn't work for you by some reason.

For this plugin to work the file ***/AMS/plugins/protect/php_include/check.inc.php***

must be included at the very top (before the opening <html> tag) of the PHP pages you wish to protect as follows:

<?php $_product_id = array(1,3);

include("AMS_Root_Dir/plugins/protect/php_include/check.inc.php");
.. any existing PHP code goes here .. ?>

Note: You must edit the **$_product_id** array to reflect the AMS product which gives access to the page.For example, if access is confined to those with products 1 and 3 it will be as above. If it is confined to those with products 2 and 5 you would use *$_product_id = array(2,5);*

Note: **AMS_Root_Dir** must be replaced with actual unix path (not URL!) to AMS folder. You can find this path at AMS CP, on the "Welcome to AMS Control Panel" screen, in the "Software version info" table. It is named *Root Folder*.

How does it work (for programmers only)

When a user enters a URL to the protected page the AMS login form is displayed and the user enters a username/password. This information is compared to entries in the member database to determine whether a user has the right credentials

- If the user has an active subscription to the product or products as defined in $_product_id then the protected page will be displayed.
- If the user is not authorized yet, or has an expired subscription, then the login form is displayed again with an error message.

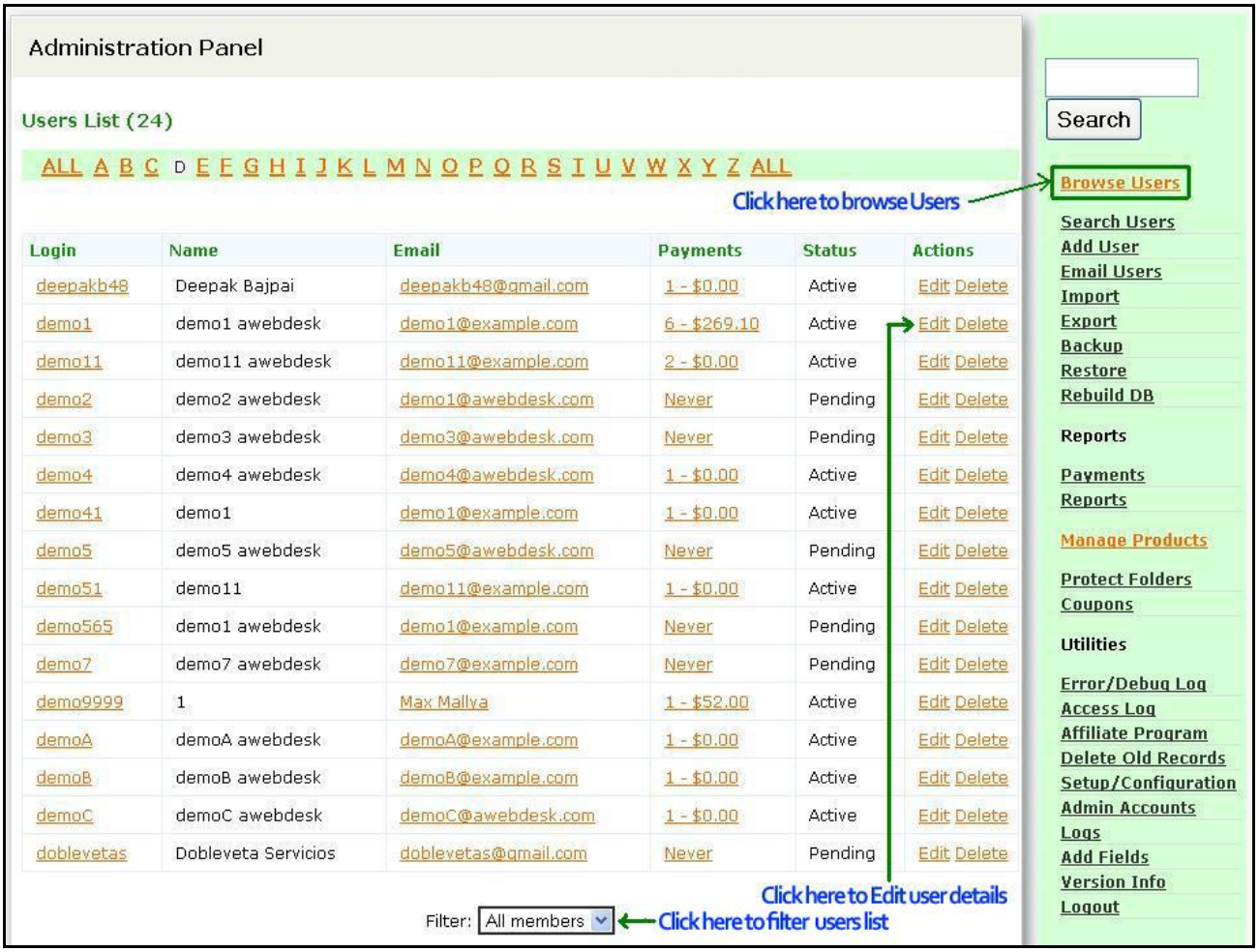
If you are not using subscriptions or wish to allow any member to have access to a page, regardless of the subscriptions they hold, then you can define *$_product_id* as *$_product_id = array('ONLY_LOGIN');* This simply checks that the username and password exist in the database. **Be careful - it will allow access for non paying or expired members!**

Member Management

Managing members is really easy with AwebDesk Membership Software. Don't forget, that members are added/deactivated automatically to your site after they pay/cancel but you can also add/edit/delete members at any time manually.

Browse Users

To browse users just go to Dashboard and click on "Browse Users" available in Right Side Menu.


Administration Panel
Users List (24)
ALL A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z ALL
Click here to browse Users
Login
Name
Email
Payments
Status
Actions
deepakb48 Deepak Bajpai deepakb48@gmail.com 1 - $0.00 Active Edit Delete
demo1 demo1 awebdesk demo1@example.com 6 - $269.10 Active Edit Delete
demo11 demo11 awebdesk demo11@example.com 2 - $0.00 Active Edit Delete
demo2 demo2 awebdesk demo1@awebdesk.com Never Pending Edit Delete
demo3 demo3 awebdesk demo3@awebdesk.com Never Pending Edit Delete
demo4 demo4 awebdesk demo4@awebdesk.com 1 - $0.00 Active Edit Delete
demo41 demo1 demo1@example.com 1 - $0.00 Active Edit Delete
demo5 demo5 awebdesk demo5@awebdesk.com Never Pending Edit Delete
demo51 demo11 demo11@example.com 1 - $0.00 Active Edit Delete
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demo7 demo7 awebdesk demo7@example.com Never Pending Edit Delete
demo9999 1 Max Mallya 1 - $52.00 Active Edit Delete
demoA demoA awebdesk demoA@example.com 1 - $0.00 Active Edit Delete
demoB demoB awebdesk demoB@example.com 1 - $0.00 Active Edit Delete
demoC demoC awebdesk demoC@awebdesk.com 1 - $0.00 Active Edit Delete
doblevetas Dobleveta Servicios doblevetas@gmail.com Never Pending Edit Delete
Click here to Edit user details
Filter: All members
Click here to filter users list
Search
Browse Users
Search Users
Add User
Email Users
Import
Export
Backup
Restore
Rebuild DB
Reports
Payments
Reports
Manage Products
Protect Folders
Coupons
Utilities
Error/Debug Log
Access Log
Affiliate Program
Delete Old Records
Setup/Configuration
Admin Accounts
Logs
Add Fields
Version Info
Logout

Fig 10-a: Browse Users

You will see list of all available users. You have option to view any specific users list (For eg. Active users list) by filtering the list according to your need. If you want to edit any user's detail then simply click on "Edit" and you will be redirected to user details editing wizard, after finishing edit just click on "Save".

Search Users

Searching users within Awebdesk Membership Software is very easy, just click on “Search Users” in Right Side Navigation Bar. You will see a search Users wizard, type search string and choose the field you are searching then click on Search.

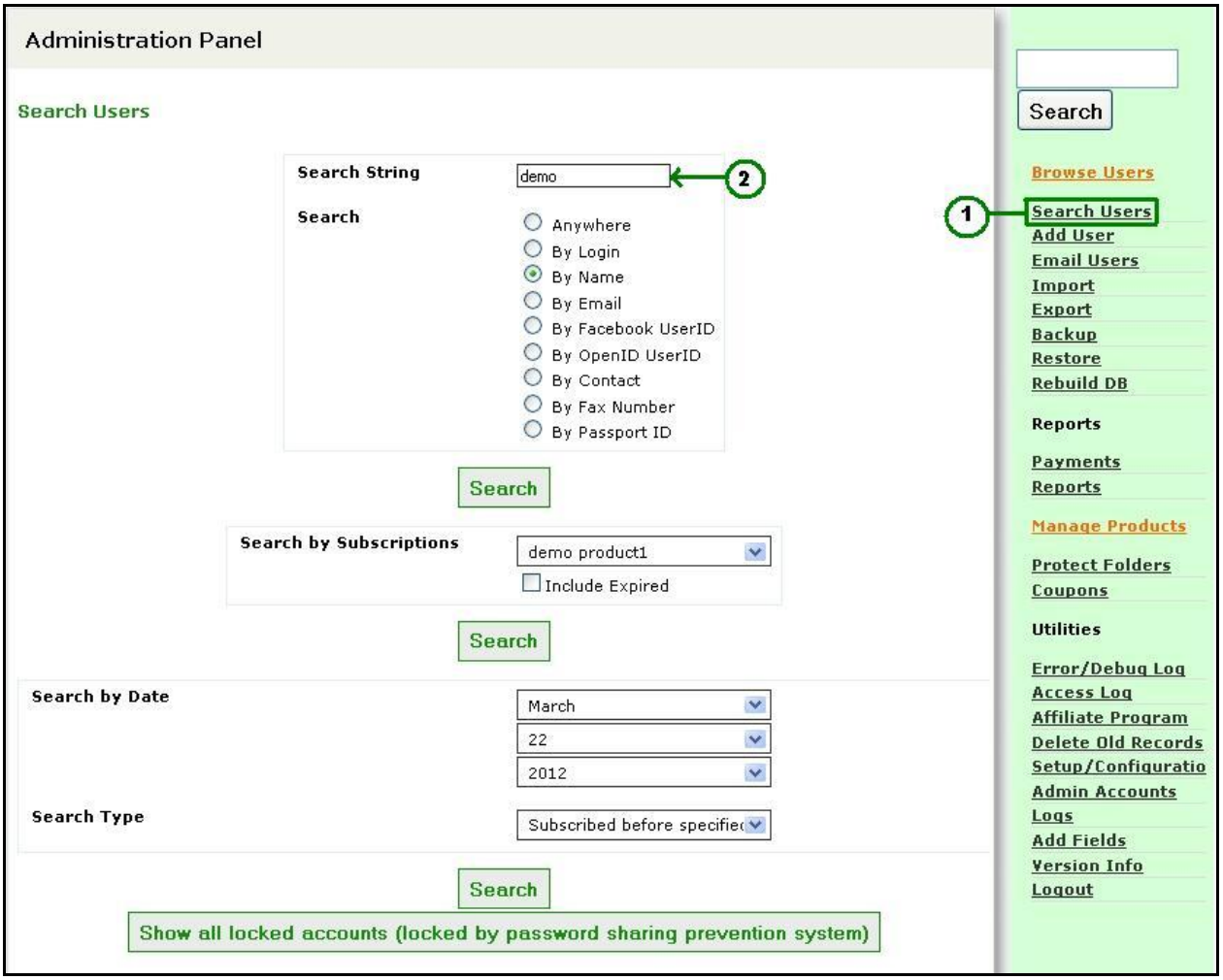


Fig 10-b: Search Users

You can search users on subscriptions basis or search by Date.

Add User

To add new user just click on “Add User” in Right Side Navigation Bar on dashboard. Then provide all essential details of the new user and click on “Save”.

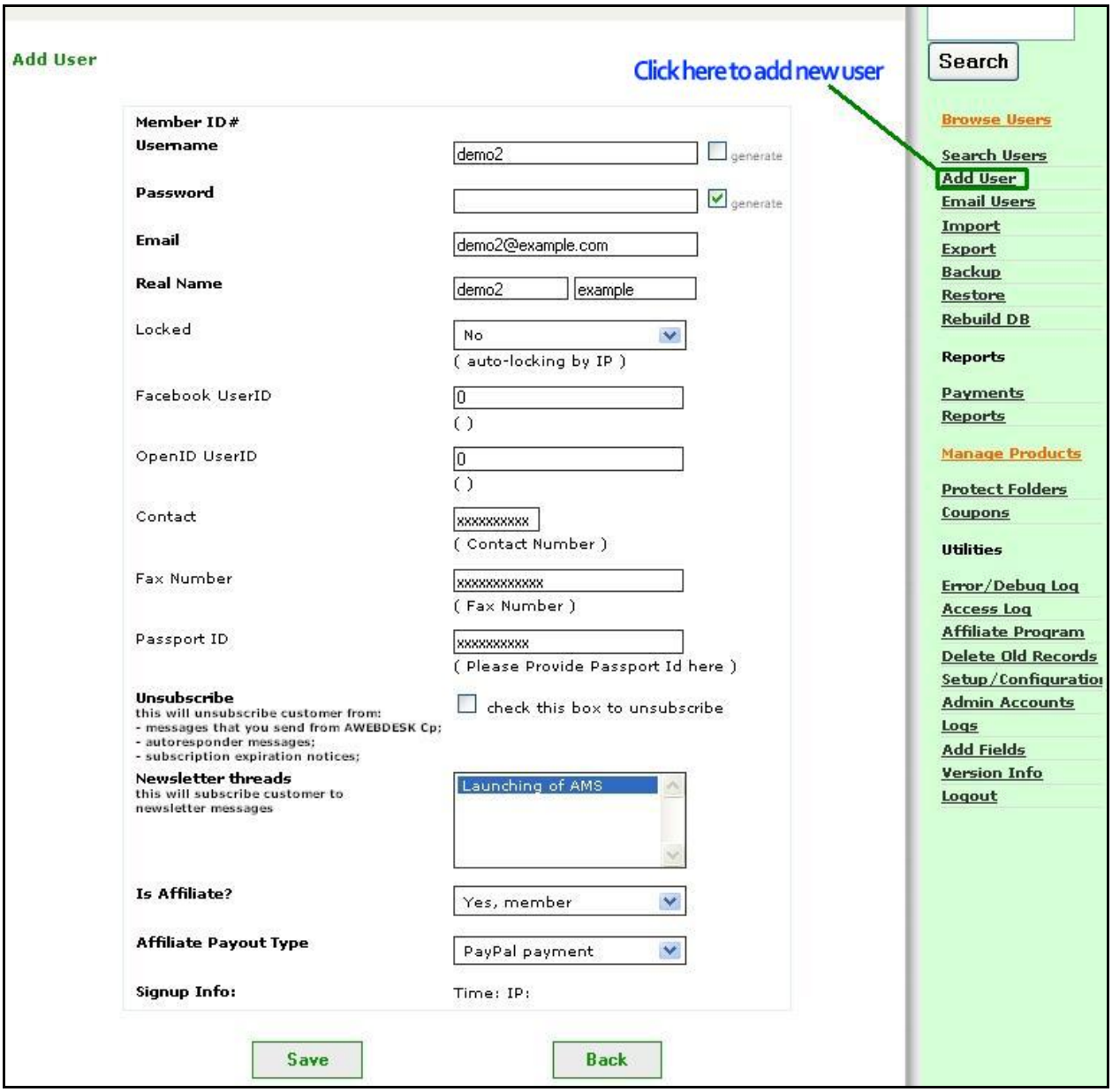


Fig 10-c: Add User

When you click on “Save” you will be automatically redirect to User Payments/Subscriptions page.

Fig 10-d: User Payments/Subscriptions

When you provided the payment details click on “Add”.

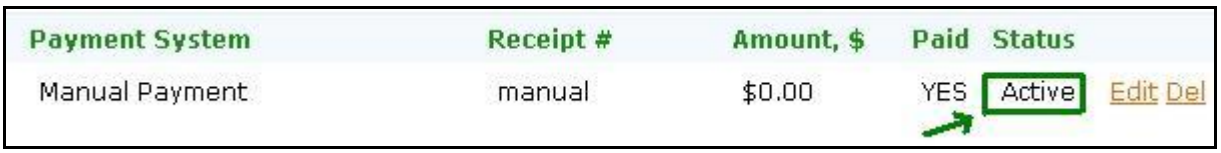


Fig 10-e: Payment Confirmation & Active Status

Now your user is activated for the subscription plan you selected.

Email Users

You can email members directly from inside Awebdesk Membership Software. To do this, click on the “Email Users” link on the side bar:
Here is an explanation of the options on the Email Members page.

Category of users to send email:

Choose “All Active Members” to email all members on your site that are signed up to at least one paid level.
Choose “Cancelled Members” to email all members that are not signed up to any paid level (but who once upon a time was signed up to a paid level).
Choose “Affiliates” to only email members who are also affiliates.
If you want to email members that are using any specific product, you can choose the from the list that is shown.

E-mail Subject:

Enter the subject of your email.

E-mail Format:

Choose the email format you want in which you want to send your email to members. You can choose the plain text format or HTML.

E-mail attachment:

Attach any file upto 20mb maximum with your email.

Body:

Enter the content of your email. You'll notice on the right hand side of the page, there are various "Merge Codes" you can use within your email. For example if you wrote "Dear {$user.name_f}" in your email body, {$user.name_f} will be substituted with the member's actual first name when the email is sent.

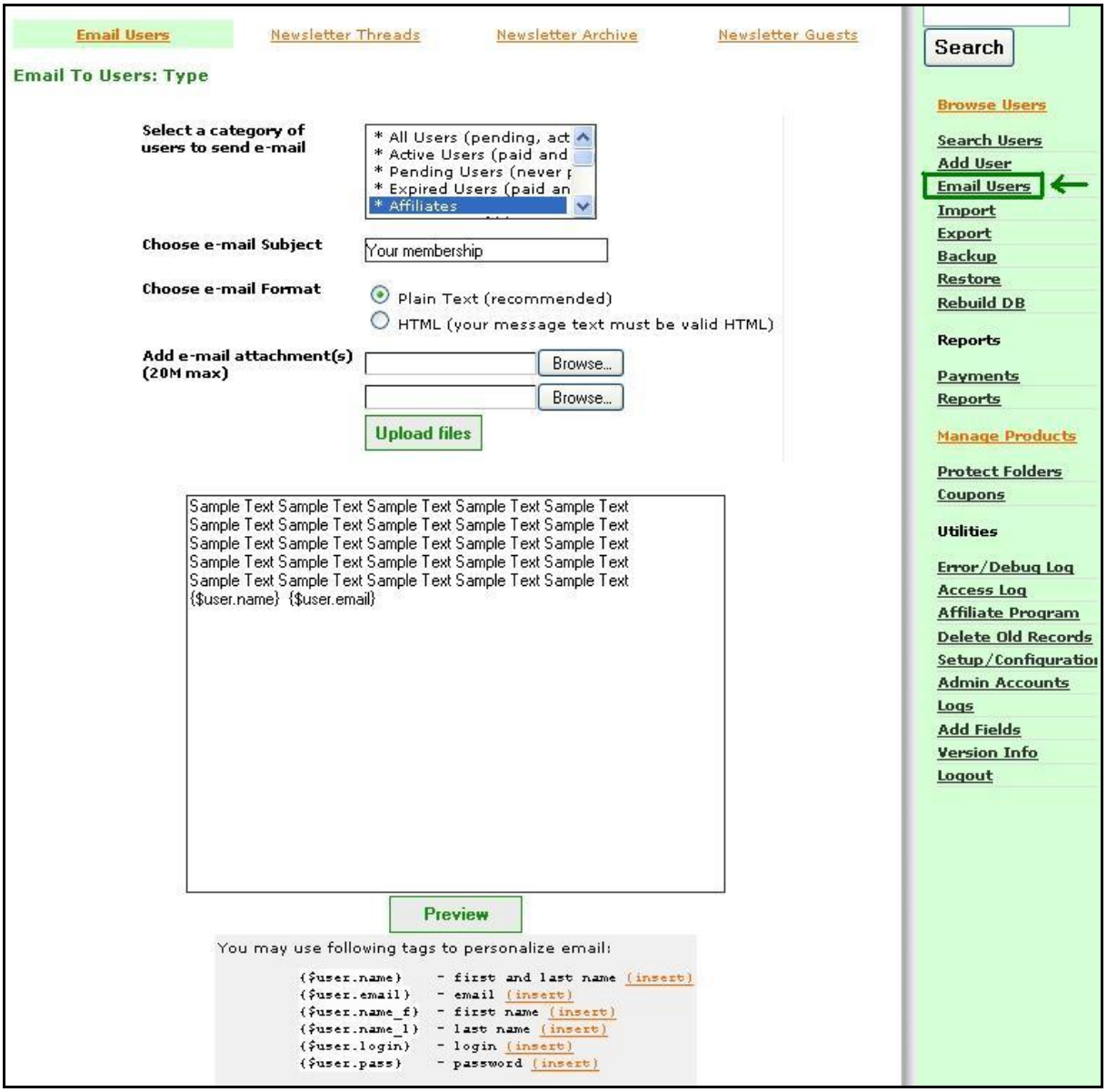
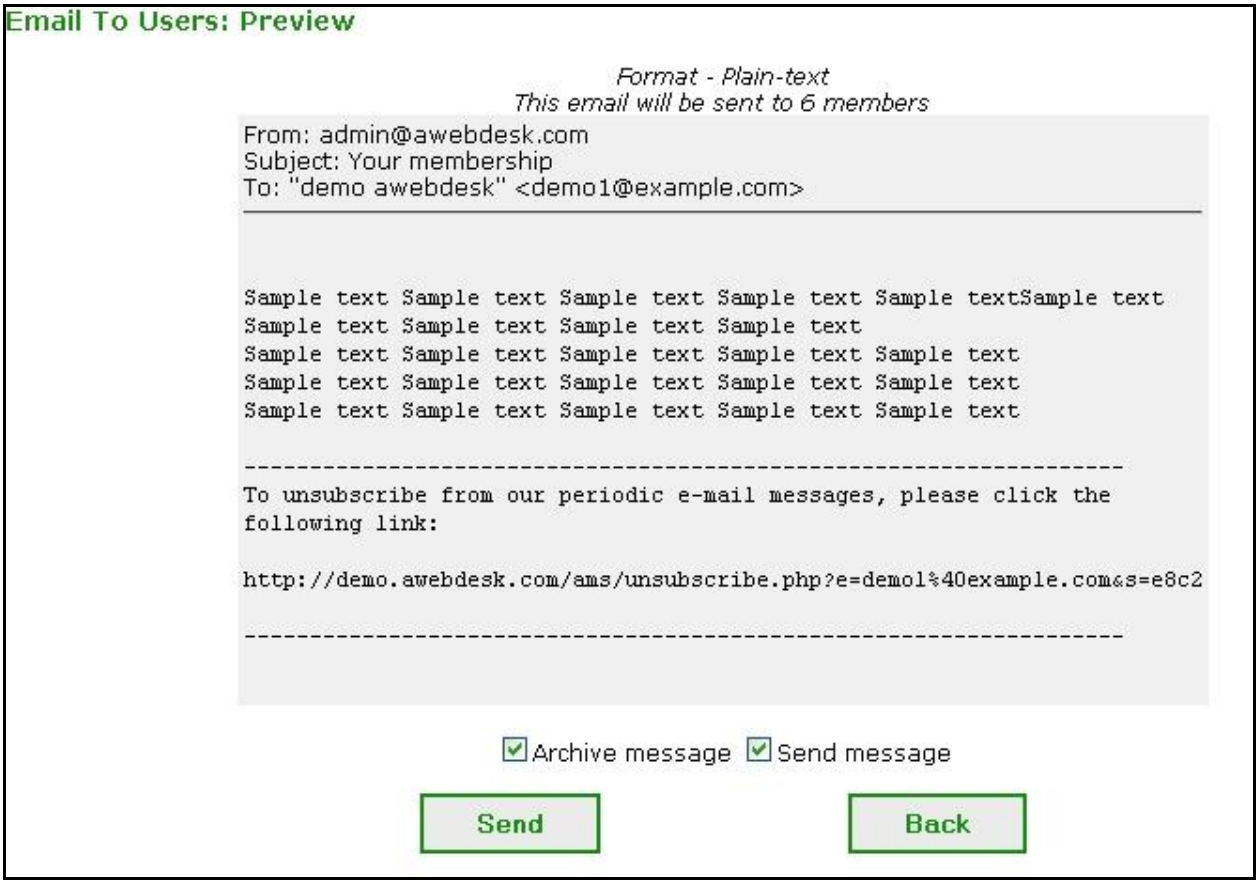


Fig 10-f: Email Users

Preview:

After completing message click on preview. You will see a sample of your message that will be delivered to your members.


Email To Users: Preview
Format - Plain-text
This email will be sent to 6 members
From: admin@awebdesk.com
Subject: Your membership
To: "demo awebdesk" <demo1@example.com>
Sample text Sample text Sample text Sample text Sample textSample text
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To unsubscribe from our periodic e-mail messages, please click the
following link:
http://demo.awebdesk.com/ams/unsubscribe.php?e=demo1%40example.com&s=e8c2
Archive message
Send message
Send
Back

Fig 10-g: Email Preview

Click on “Send” to send your email immediately.

Export Users

In the sidebar, you can click on “Export” to generate a CSV file of all the members on your site. You can then import them into a spreadsheet application such as Excel for further processing. Please choose all essential fields you want to export including member basic details, subscription details, products to which user subscribed etc (Refer Fig 10-h).

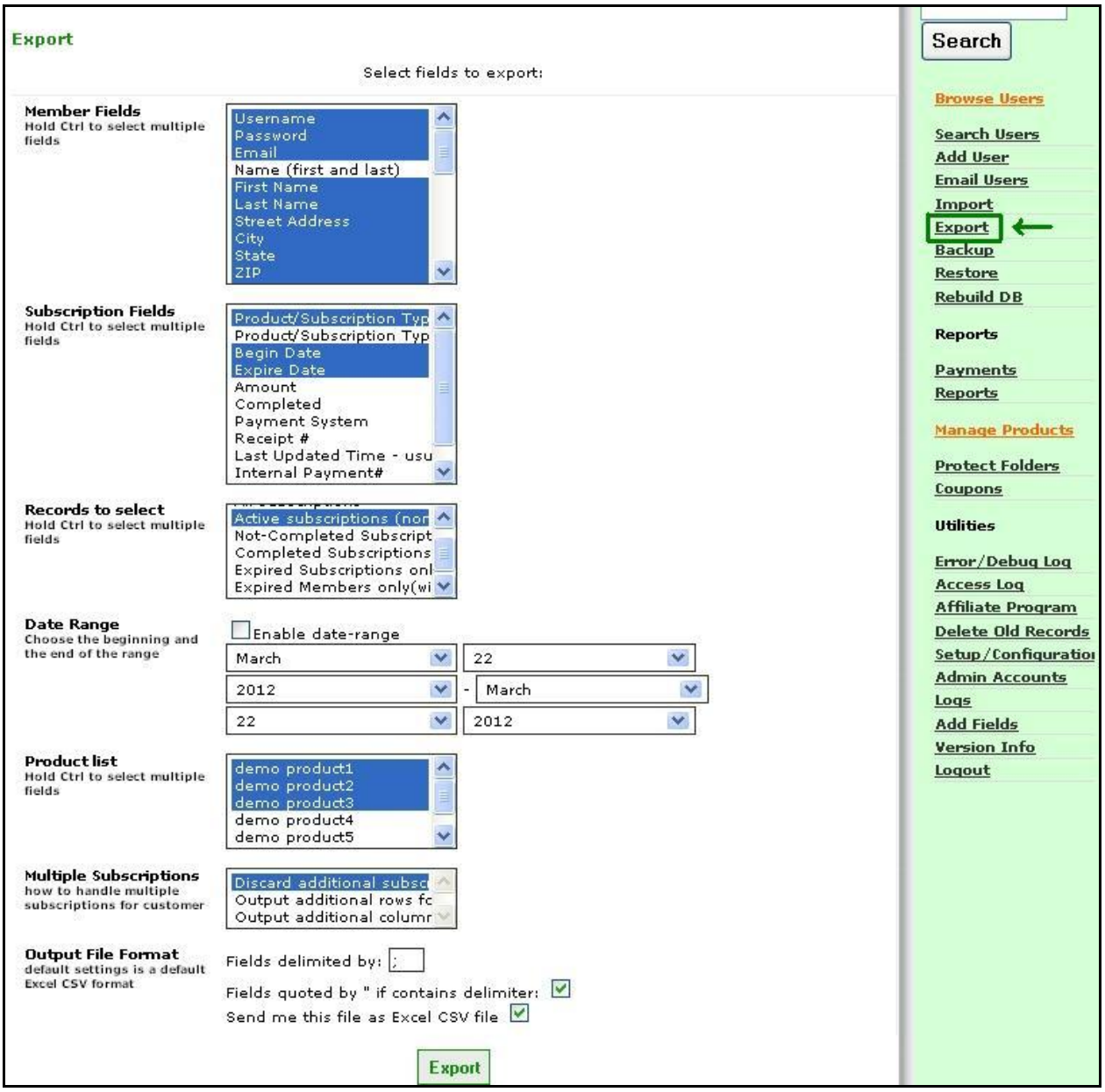


Fig 10-h: Export Users

Import Users

AwebDesk Membership Software also supports the importing of members via a CSV file. Please note, that if you have active subscription payments that are already being sent to you from some other software, then you can't import these into AwebDesk Membership Software.
The AwebDesk Membership Software import routine is only good for importing members, but not any associated payments that you have already set up from another program.

Please follow below steps to import users successfully:

Step1: Click on "Import" from right side navigation bar, then choose the import file and click on "Next" (Refer Fig.10-i).

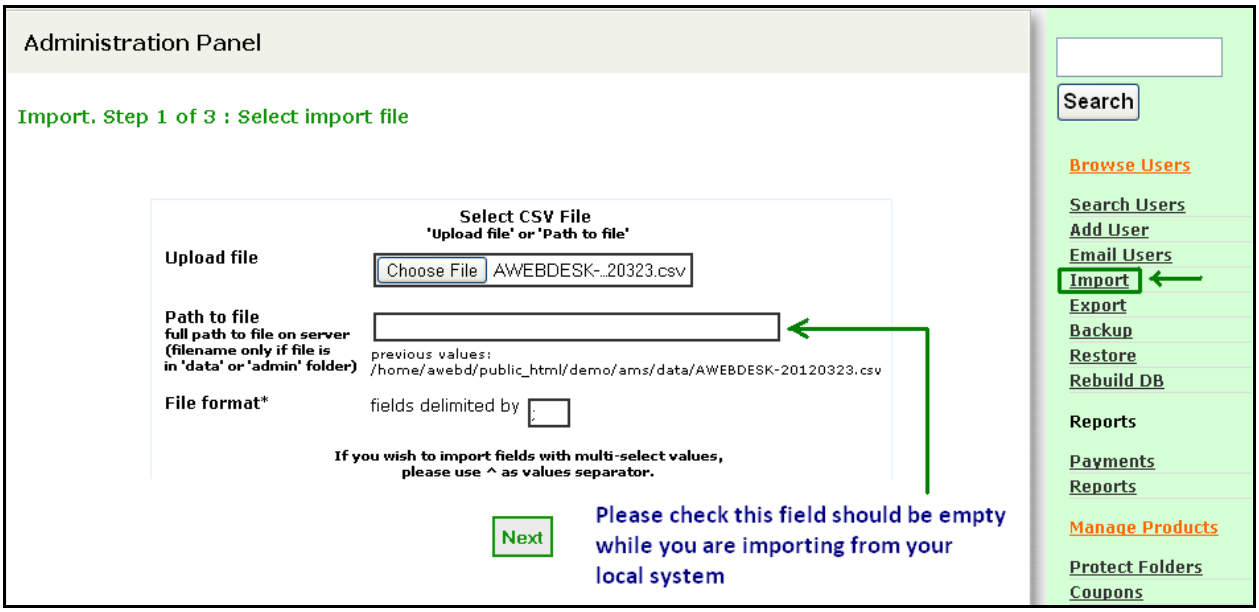


Fig 10-i: Import Users

The CSV you import must have at least the following fields in this order:
First Name
Last Name
Email
Address Line 1
Address Line 2
Address Line 3
City / Town
State / County
Postcode / ZIP
Country
Telephone
Mobile

Step2: Match all the fields available so to import all essential user details (Refer Fig.10-j).

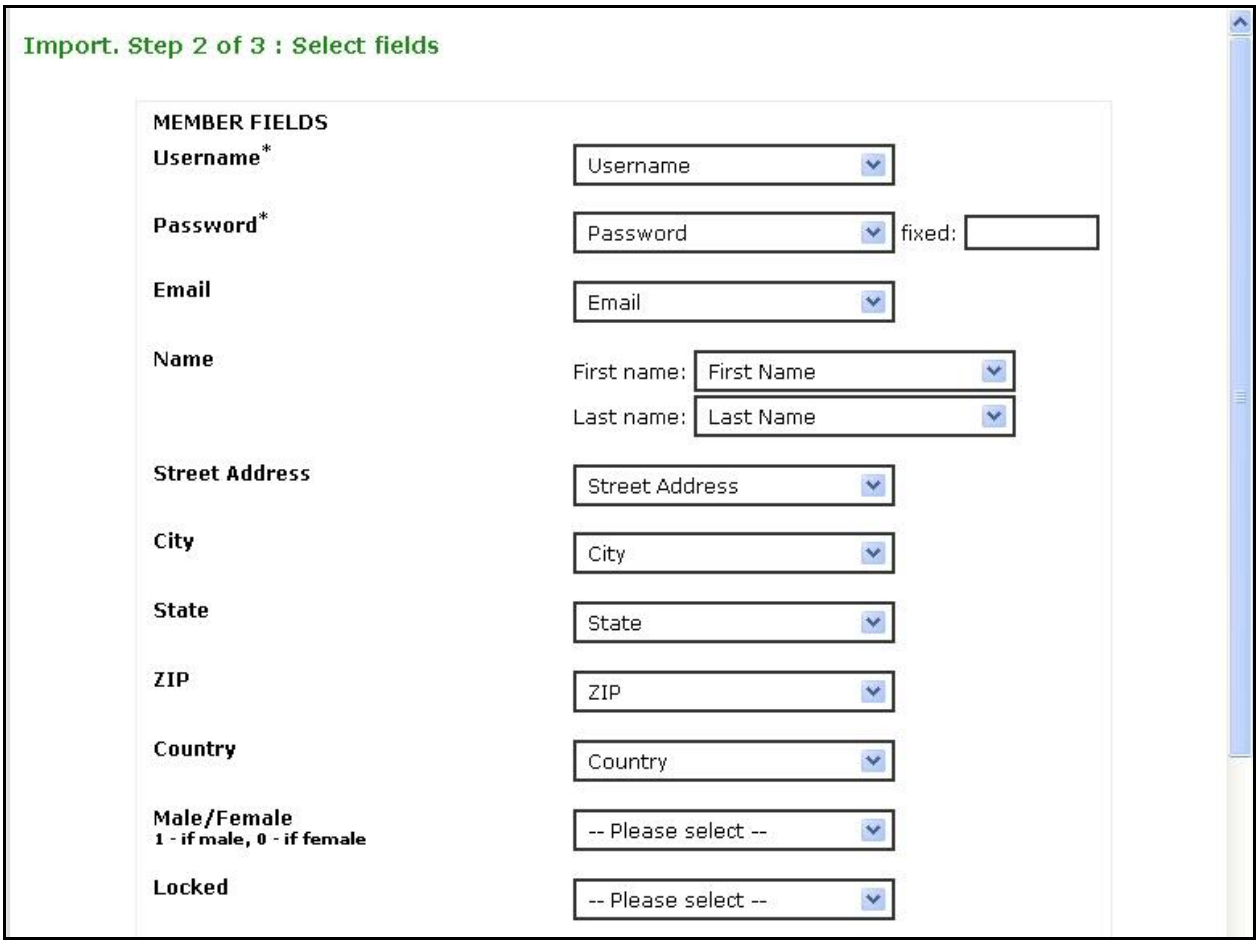


Fig 10-j: Mapping fields

After mapping all fields click on “Submit”. You will see then an import confirmation screen

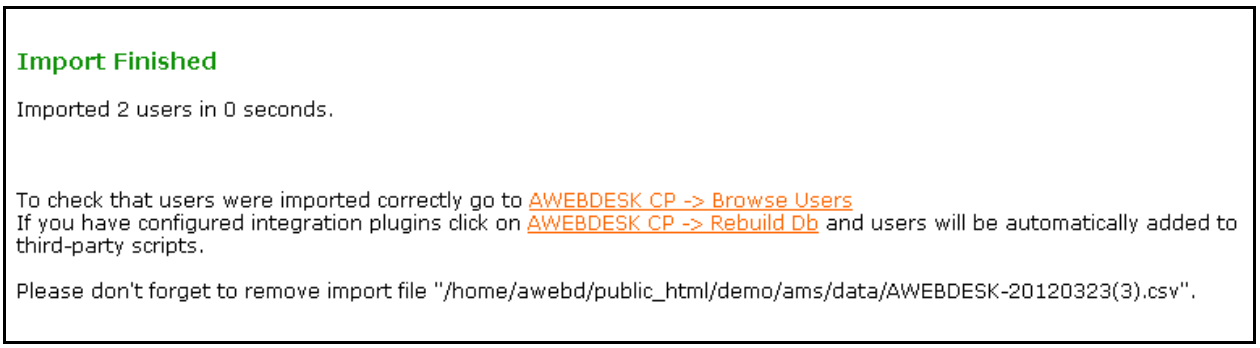

Import Finished
Imported 2 users in 0 seconds.
To check that users were imported correctly go to AWEBDESK CP -> Browse Users
If you have configured integration plugins click on AWEBDESK CP -> Rebuild Db and users will be automatically added to third-party scripts.
Please don't forget to remove import file "/home/awebd/public_html/demo/ams/data/AWEBDESK-20120323(3).csv".

Fig 10-k: Import Finished

Step3: Now click on “Rebuilt DB” so that you can get updated details of the users you imported.

Note: Always prefer to Rebuilt Database after importing users from a CSV file.

Now you can view imported users by clicking on “Browse Users”.

Database Backup

Keeping backups of your website files and database is always a good idea.
You can backup and restore your AwebDesk Membership Software database manually at any time via the AwebDesk Membership Software admin control panel.
To take the back up of your database, follow the below given steps.

1) Go to the right side navigation bar on dashboard.

2) Click “Backup (1) on the right side navigation bar” (Refer Fig 11-a).

3) Click “Backup (2) on the Backup screen”.

4) Download backup file.

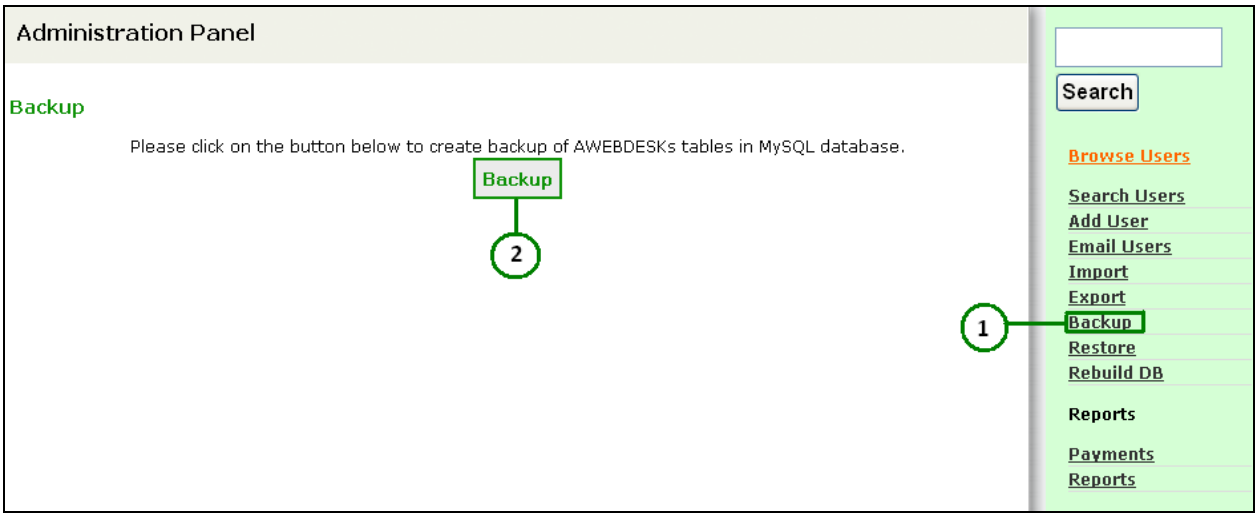


Fig 11-a: Database Backup

Restore Database

For restoring your database follow the given steps.

1) Go to the right side navigation bar on dashboard.

2) Click “Restore (1)” on right side navigation bar (Refer Fig: 11-b).

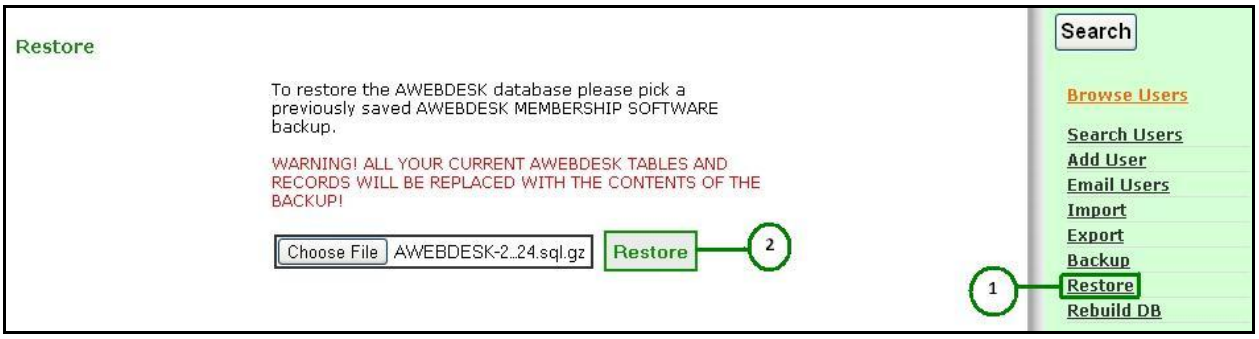


Fig 11-b: Restore Back

3) Choose the sql file of your saved database backup.

Note, that any data that was added to the database between the backup and the current date will be gone. It's therefore better to restore these via phpMyAdmin (if you have cPanel on your website).

4) Now click on "Restore (2)" on the Restore screen.

Restore
AWEBDESK database has been succesfully restored from backup.
Backup file header:
AWEBDESK MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE 5.1.0 database backup
Created: 2012-03-24 14:36:06

Fig 11-c: Restore Successful

You have completed the restoring process and you will see a confirmation as shown in fig: 11-c.

Affiliate Management

AwebDesk Membership Software has a built-in affiliate program.
By the use of the automatic affiliate link, your members get access to promote and track their referrals in few minutes easily. Affiliates can able to sign-up without becoming a member. Give your affiliates a custom percentage by setting your affiliate commission percentage globally. You can view outstanding commissions at any time and also check the total owned to each affiliate whenever you want. You can easily check your affiliates or Paypal mass pay. Automatic affiliates are emailed when sales are made.

Affiliate Settings

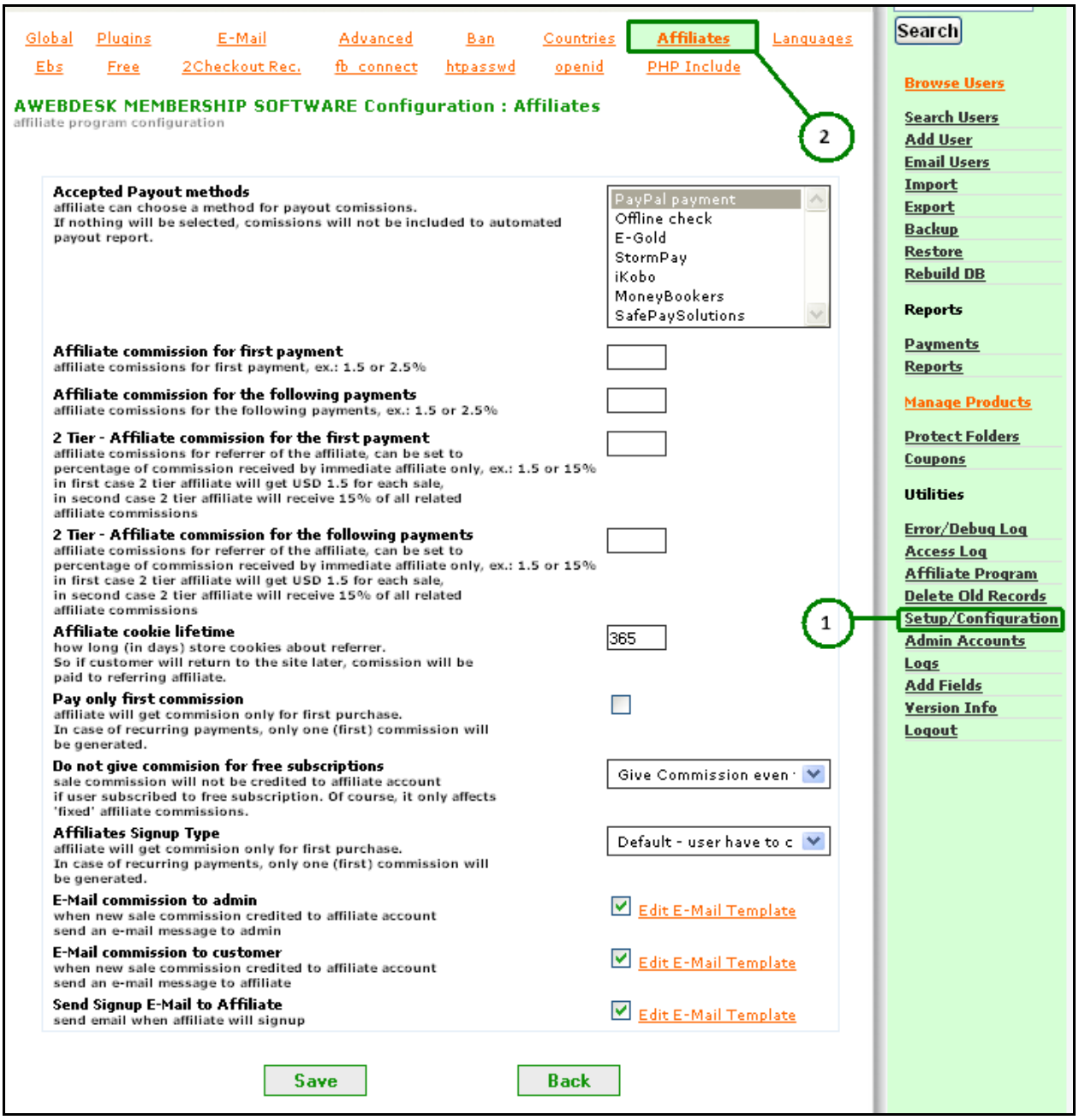
First of all you have to learn to configure Affiliate Settings within AwebDesk Membership Software.
For that please follow below steps (Refer Fig.12-a to understand all steps)

Step1: Go to Set/Configuration wizard by clicking on “Set/Configuration” on right side navigation bar.

Step2: Click on “Affiliates “on the top navigation bar.

Step3: Now you will see affiliates settings wizard. First of all select the payment methods you want your affiliates to choose for payout commissions. (You can select multiple payment methods by clicking ctrl key then select payment methods).

Step4: Now define the affiliate commission rates in the given fields and other details carefully.


Global
Plugins
E-Mail
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Ban
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Languages
Ebs
Free
2Checkout Rec.
fb_connect
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openid
PHP Include
AWEBDESK MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE Configuration : Affiliates
affiliate program configuration
2
Accepted Payout methods
affiliate can choose a method for payout comissions.
If nothing will be selected, comissions will not be included to automated payout report.
PayPal payment
Offline check
E-Gold
StormPay
iKobo
MoneyBookers
SafePaySolutions
Affiliate commission for first payment
affiliate comissions for first payment, ex.: 1.5 or 2.5%
Affiliate commission for the following payments
affiliate comissions for the following payments, ex.: 1.5 or 2.5%
2 Tier - Affiliate commission for the first payment
affiliate comissions for referrer of the affiliate, can be set to percentage of commission received by immediate affiliate only, ex.: 1.5 or 15%
in first case 2 tier affiliate will get USD 1.5 for each sale,
in second case 2 tier affiliate will receive 15% of all related affiliate commissions
2 Tier - Affiliate commission for the following payments
affiliate comissions for referrer of the affiliate, can be set to percentage of commission received by immediate affiliate only, ex.: 1.5 or 15%
in first case 2 tier affiliate will get USD 1.5 for each sale,
in second case 2 tier affiliate will receive 15% of all related affiliate commissions
Affiliate cookie lifetime
how long (in days) store cookies about referrer.
So if customer will return to the site later, comission will be paid to referring affiliate.
365
Pay only first commission
affiliate will get commision only for first purchase.
In case of recurring payments, only one (first) commission will be generated.
Do not give commision for free subscriptions
sale commission will not be credited to affiliate account if user subscribed to free subscription. Of course, it only affects 'fixed' affiliate commissions.
Give Commission even
Affiliates Signup Type
affiliate will get commision only for first purchase.
In case of recurring payments, only one (first) commission will be generated.
Default - user have to c
E-Mail commission to admin
when new sale commission credited to affiliate account send an e-mail message to admin
Edit E-Mail Template
E-Mail commission to customer
when new sale commission credited to affiliate account send an e-mail message to affiliate
Edit E-Mail Template
Send Signup E-Mail to Affiliate
send email when affiliate will signup
Edit E-Mail Template
Save
Back
Search
Browse Users
Search Users
Add User
Email Users
Import
Export
Backup
Restore
Rebuild DB
Reports
Payments
Reports
Manage Products
Protect Folders
Coupons
Utilities
Error/Debug Log
Access Log
Affiliate Program
Delete Old Records
1
Setup/Configuration
Admin Accounts
Logs
Add Fields
Version Info
Logout

Fig 12-a: Affiliate Setting wizard

Step5: After providing all affiliate related details at last configure the email settings, check mark on :

(1) E-Mail commission to admin (when new sale commission credited to affiliate account send an e-mail message to admin)

(2) E-Mail commission to customer (when new sale commission credited to affiliate account send an e-mail message to affiliate)

(3) Send Signup E-Mail to Affiliate (send email when affiliate signup)

After doing so click on “Save” option to save the affiliate settings.

Affiliate Program & Statistics

All the affiliate programs and reports are available from the “Affiliate Program” tab on the right side navigation bar in your AwebDesk Membership Software control panel, as seen here:

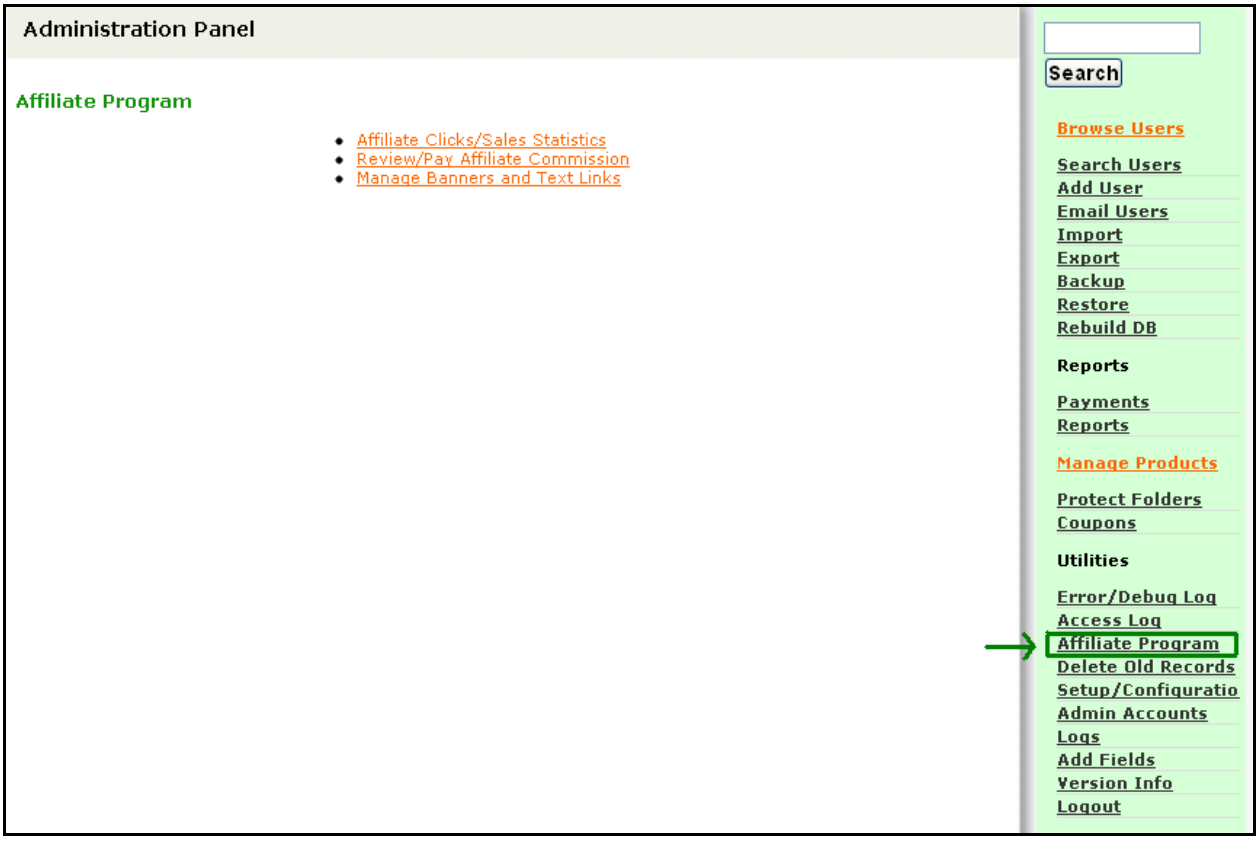

Fig 12-b: Affiliate Management

On **Affiliate Program Screen** you will see:
(1) Affiliate Clicks/Sales Statistics
(2) Review/Pay Affiliate Commission
(3) Manage Banners and Text Links

[1] Affiliate Click/Sales Statistics: click on this option if you want to view report of clicks and sales statistics.

Fig 12-c: Affiliate Statistics

Under affiliate statistics you will see the details of clicks and commission's details (Select period then click on "Display").

If you click on "Affiliate Clicks" then you will see more details about the source of clicks and IP addresses from which you get the clicks.

Fig 12-d: Click Details

[2] Review/Pay Affiliate Commission: Use this page when it's time to pay your affiliates. You can choose to pay your affiliates whenever you want, there's no set date when you need to pay them. Use Period to find all unpaid commissions in a date range. By default you will see all unpaid commissions that have occurred during the past year.
If you have chosen to pay affiliates by paypal, then any commissions which are due to be paid to affiliates that have entered their paypal email address into the system, will be displayed under "Paypal".
Your affiliates provided details of payment method they opted from the given payout methods you allowed them to choose.

[3] Manage Banners and Text Links:

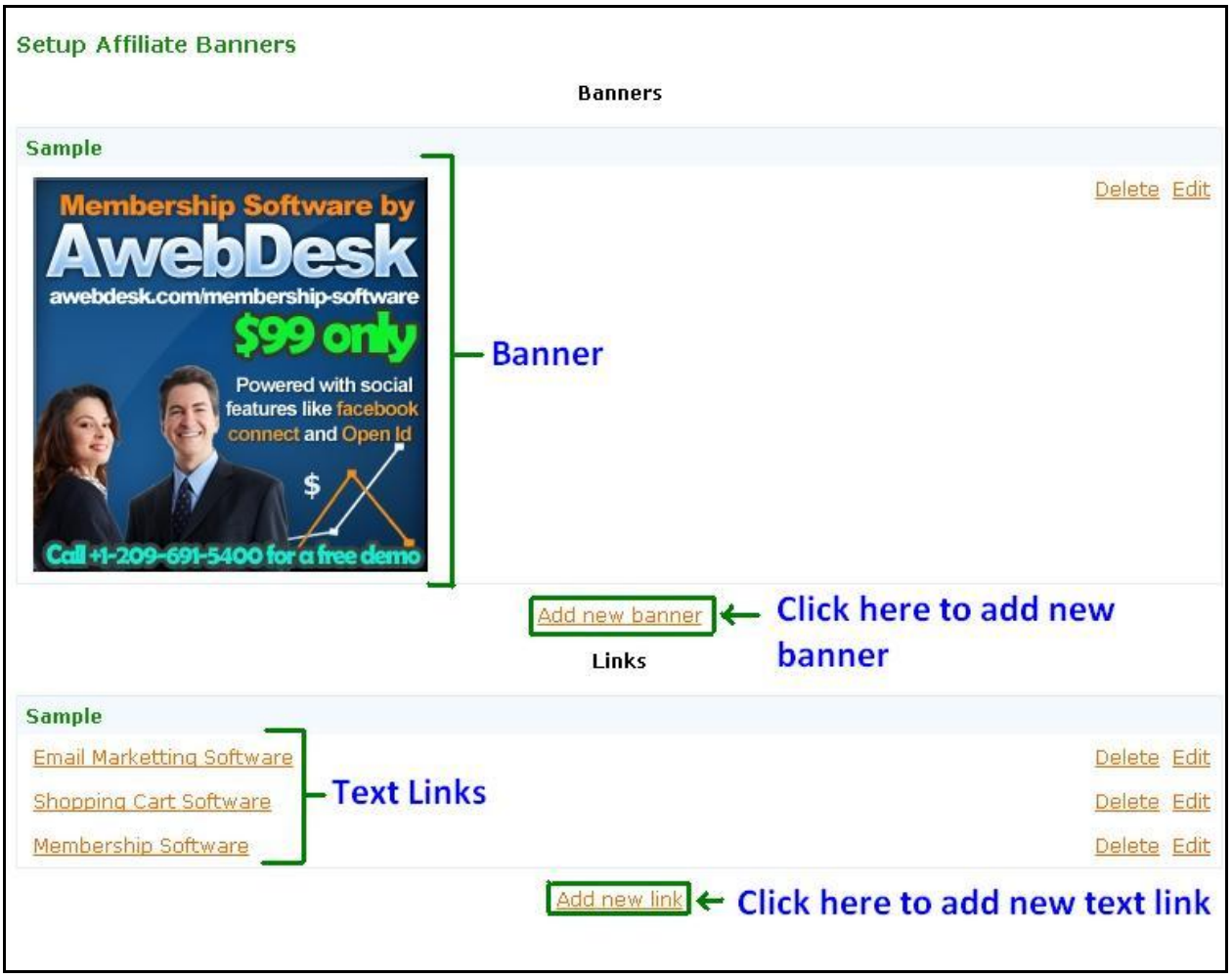

Fig 12-e: Banners/Text Links

You can view all available Banners and text links when you click on "Manage Banners and Text Links" (Refer Fig.12-e). Here you can add new banners and text links.

To add new banner just click on “Add New Banner” (Refer Fig.12-e) then you will be redirected to new screen (Refer Fig.12-f).

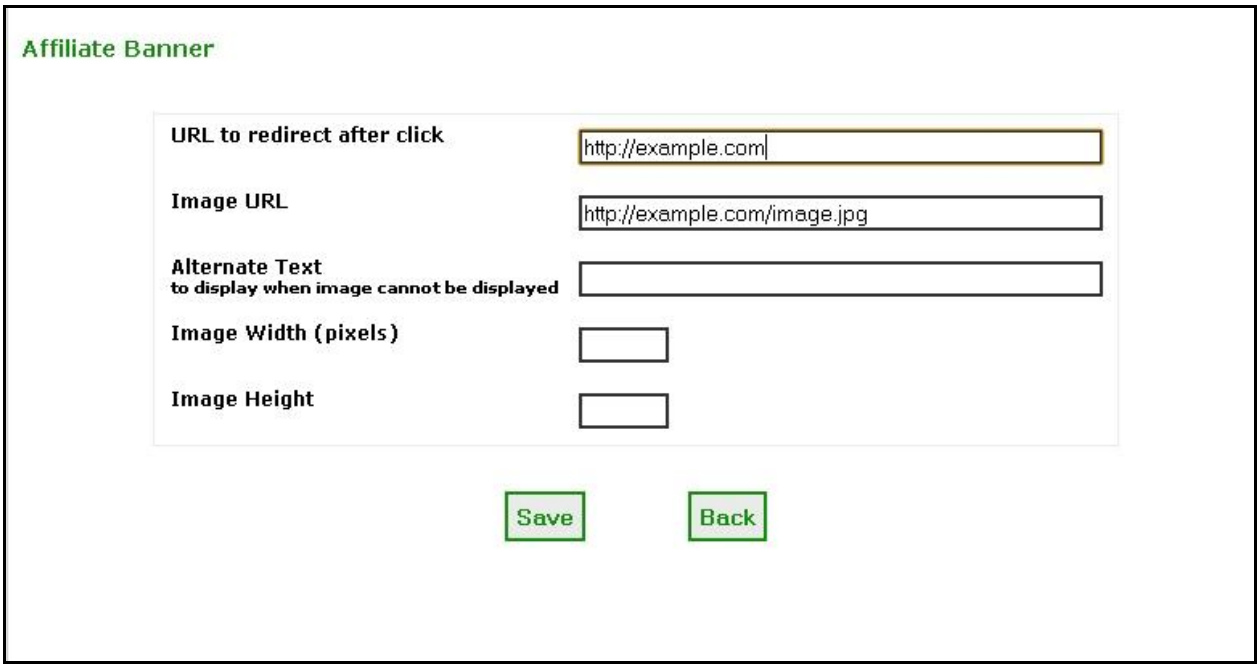

Fig 12-f: Banner Details - Add New Banner

Click on Save and your new banner will be shown with the image you used as banner.

To add new text link just click on “Add New Link” (Refer Fig.12-e) then you will be redirected to text link adding page (Refer Fig.12-g).

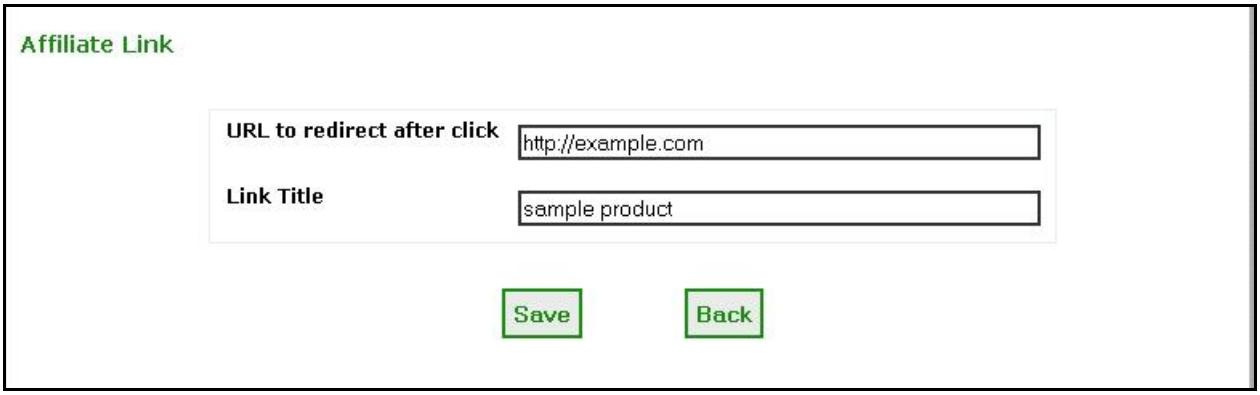

Fig 12-g: Text Link Details – Add text Link

Provide the URL to redirect after click and link title then click on “Save”.

You will see your new text link under text links (Refer Fig.12-e).

Email Affiliates

To email affiliates click on “Email Users” on the right side navigation bar.

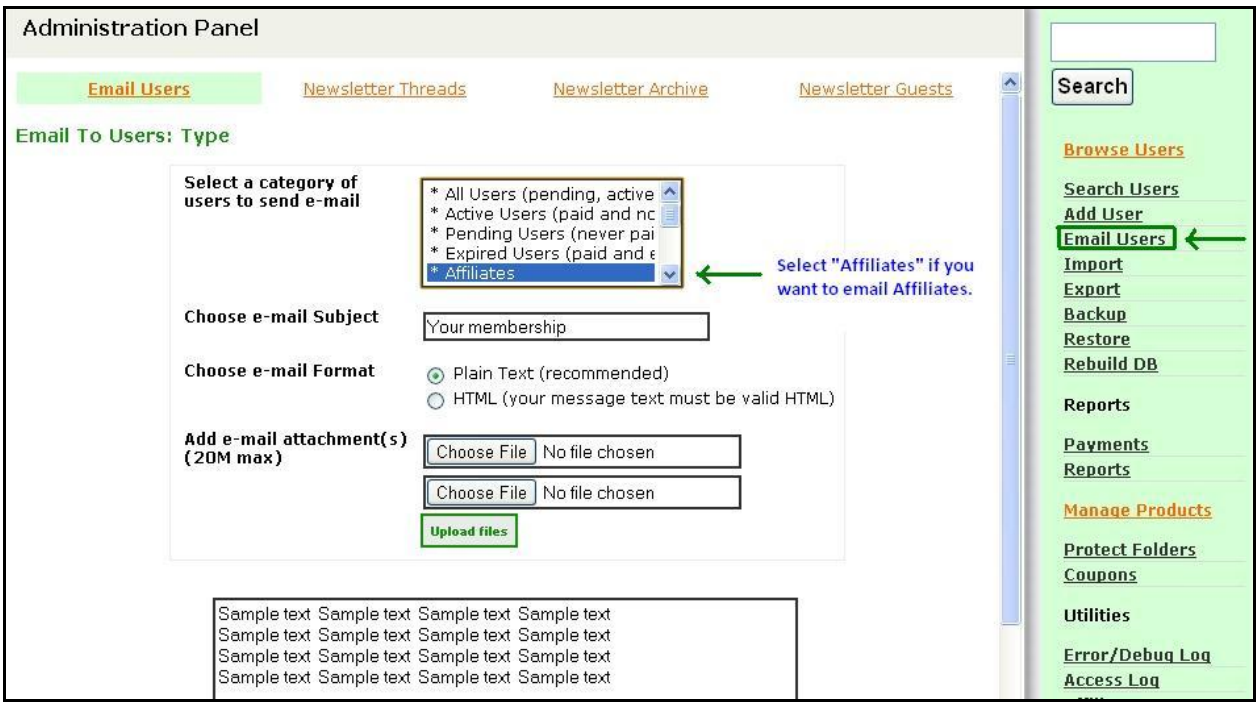

Fig 12-h: Email Affiliates

You then need to choose the “Affiliates” option and only members that are marked as affiliates will be emailed.

How Affiliate System Works (From User End)

First of all a user will have to sign up to Awebdesk Membership Software through signup page.

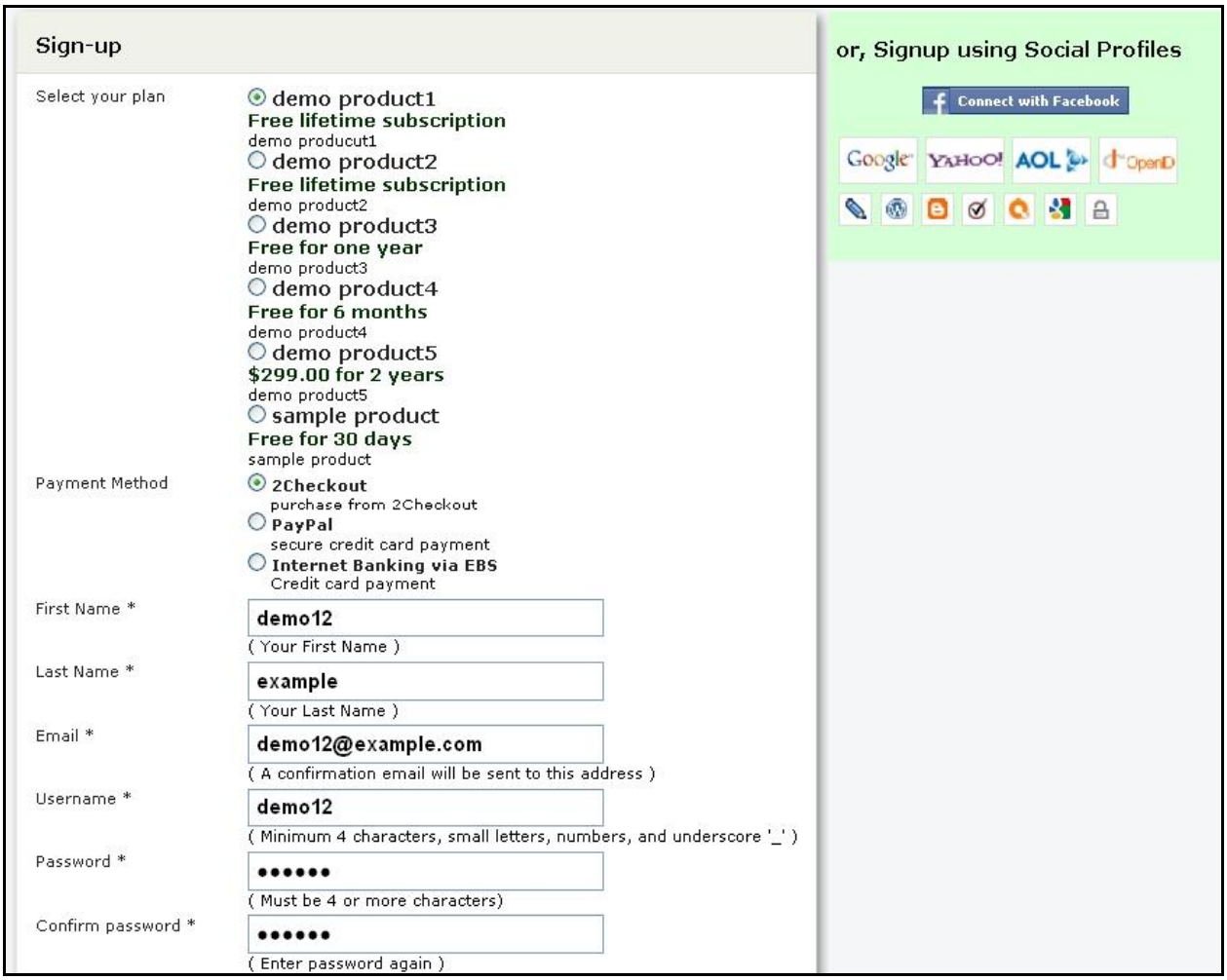

Fig 12-i: Signup Page

When you fill all details click on “Continue” then you will see screen which confirms your signup and you will see option to login as user.

Fig 12-j: Signup Complete

Now click on “Login” then you will be redirected to member area.

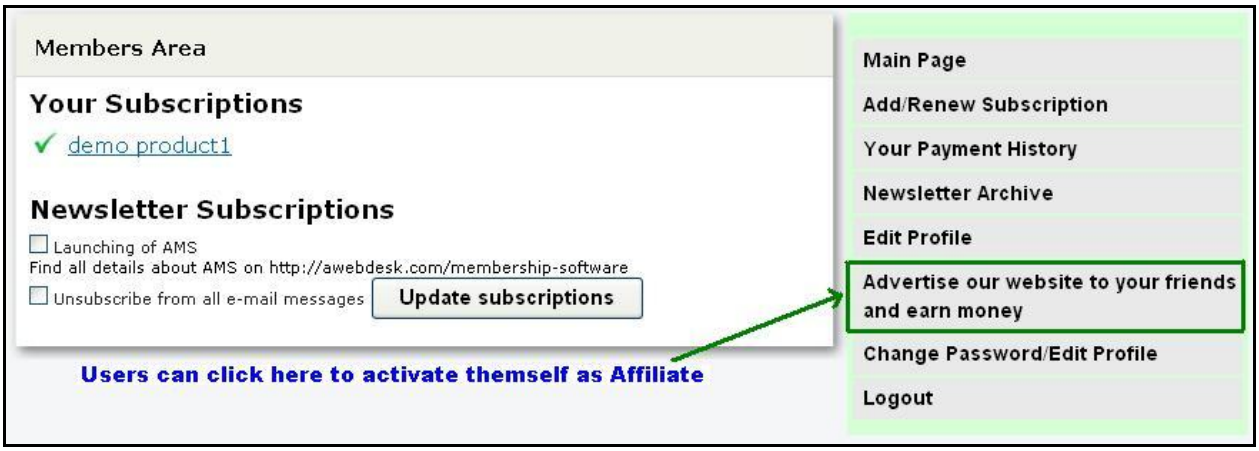

Fig 12-k: Activate yourself as Affiliate

Now you can activate yourself as affiliate just by clicking on the link as shown in above fig 12-k. After this you will see the below screen in which all the affiliate related links have been activated for you.

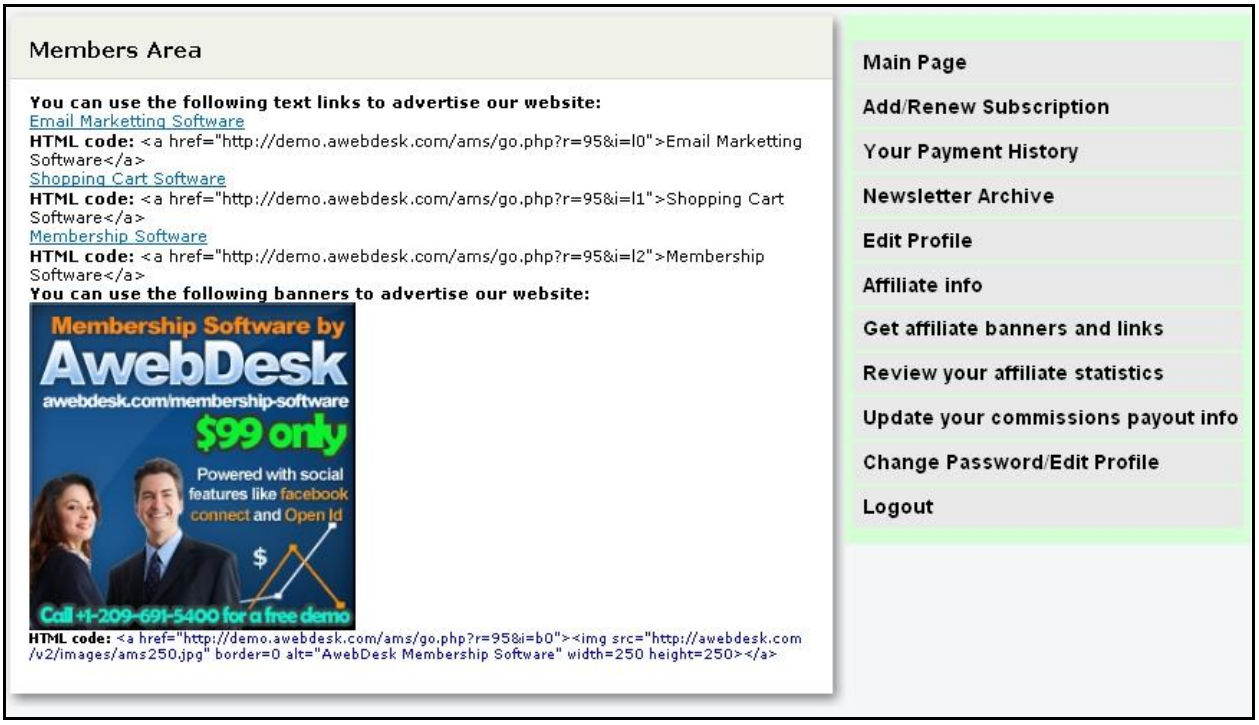

Fig 12-l: Affiliate Area

Members can view detailed affiliate information by clicking on “Affiliate info” on right side navigation bar, or get affiliate banners and links which they can use for affiliate program. They can anytime view their affiliate statistics and easily update their commissions payout information from here.

Reports

In order to run a successful membership site, you need to be able to keep track of its performance. AwebDesk Membership Software comes with a selection of powerful reports which you can use to make important decisions and keep on top of your site.

To access the reports, go to the Reports tab at the right side navigation of your AwebDesk Member Software control panel.

Payment Report

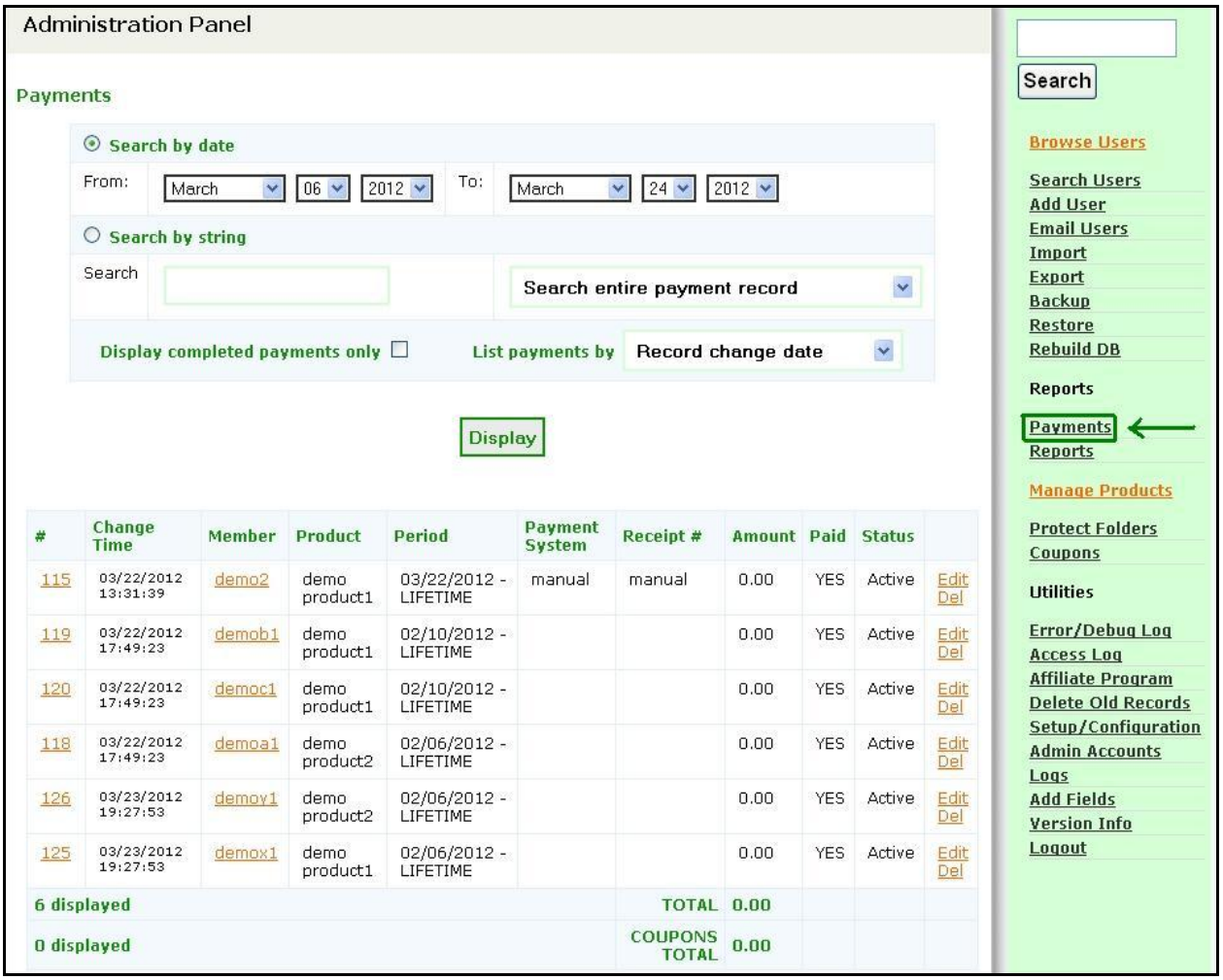

Fig 13-a: Payment Report

Click on “Payments” then select the time period you will get detailed report on payment with user details and mode of payment with current status of member subscription. You can modify it just by clicking on “Edit” option.

Cancellation Report

If you want to see the cancellation report then just click on “Reports” from right side navigation bar then select “Cancellation Report” from the list and click on “Proceed”.

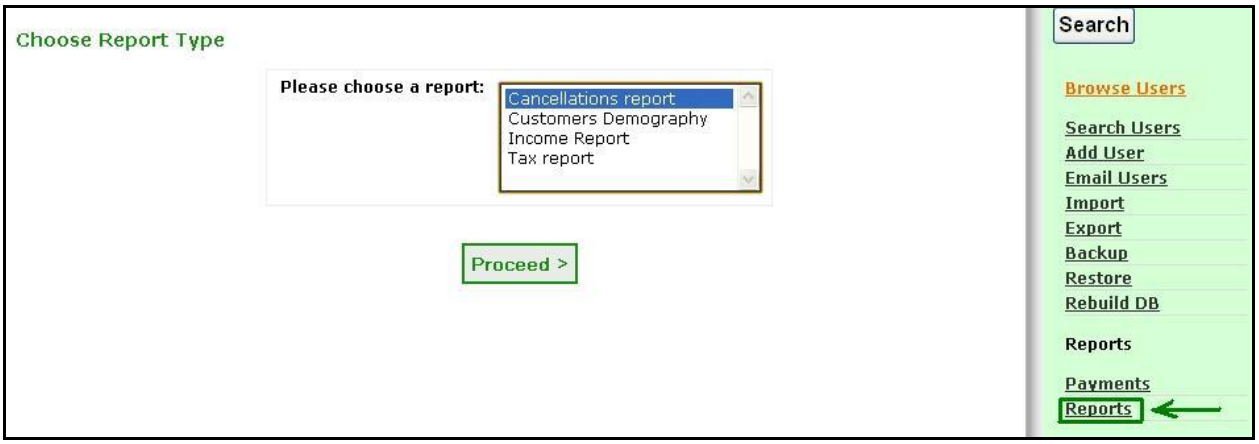

Fig 13-b: Navigate to Cancellation Report

On next screen you will have to provide the period of which you want to know the cancellation details.

Fig 13-c: Select Period - Cancellation report

Select the start and end date for duration then click “Proceed” to generate the Cancellation report.

Customers Demography

To view the customer demography just select “Customer Demography” from the list then click on “Proceed” (Refer Fig:13-d)

Fig 13-d: Navigate to Customers Demography

Now select the essential fields which you want to show in customer demography and click on “Proceed” (Refer Fig.13-e).

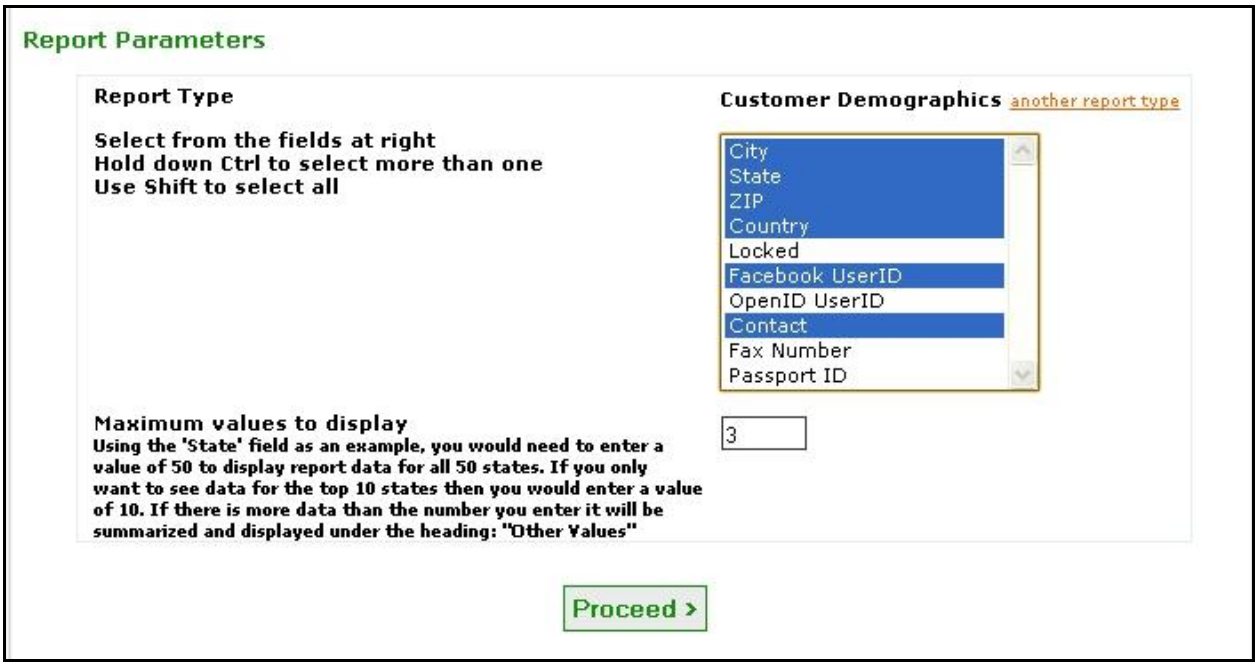
Report Parameters
Report Type
Customer Demographics
another report type
Select from the fields at right
Hold down Ctrl to select more than one
Use Shift to select all
City
State
ZIP
Country
Locked
Facebook UserID
OpenID UserID
Contact
Fax Number
Passport ID
Maximum values to display
Using the 'State' field as an example, you would need to enter a value of 50 to display report data for all 50 states. If you only want to see data for the top 10 states then you would enter a value of 10. If there is more data than the number you enter it will be summarized and displayed under the heading: "Other Values"
3
Proceed >

Fig 13-e: Select Fields – Customer Demography

You will see all the details related to the fields you chosen to generate customer demography.

Fig 13-f: Customer Demography

Income Report

To generate income report you have to select "**Income Report**" from the list (Refer Fig: 13-g) and then click on "**Proceed**".

Fig 13-g: Navigate to Income Report

On next screen you have to provide the start and end date to generate income report also you can mention the format of report whether you want to generate daily/weekly/monthly income report for the duration you provided. Now click on "**Proceed**"

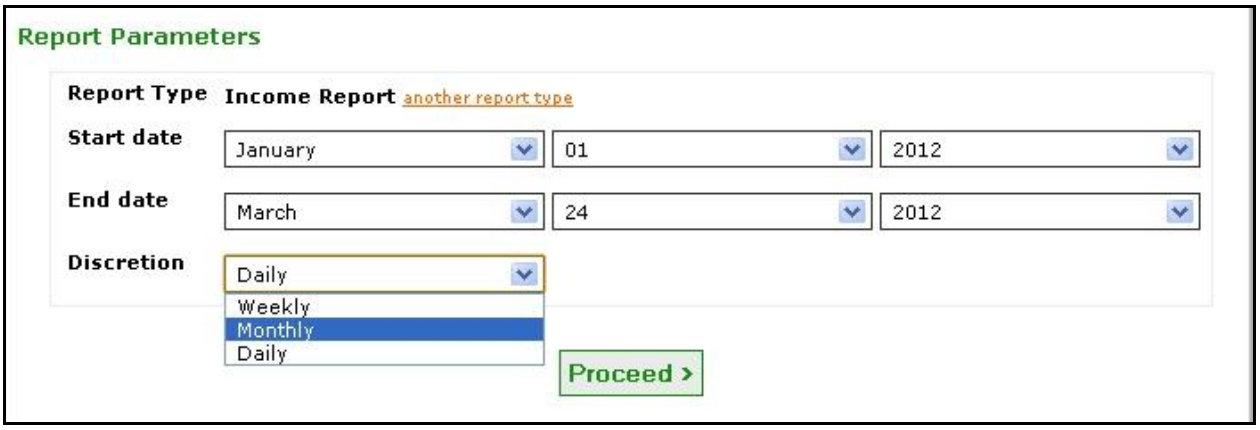

Fig 13-h: Select duration – Income Report

You will now see the report of income you have in the duration you provided earlier with all the basic details as you see in below (Refer Fig.13-i).

Income Report
Date Added Count Completed Count Added Amount Completed Amount Percent Graph
01/2012 2 2 0.00 0.00
02/2012 14 13 695.00 650.00 (100%)
03/2012 6 6 0.00 0.00
TOTAL 22 21 695.00 650.00
New Report
Creation date: 03/24/2012 01:49:22

Fig 13-i: Income Report

Tax Report

To generate tax report, select "Tax report" from the list as shown in fig.13-j and then click on "Proceed".

Fig 13-j: Navigate to Tax report

On next screen you have to define the duration for which you want to generate the Tax Report. Now click on "Proceed" to view the Tax report for the selected duration.

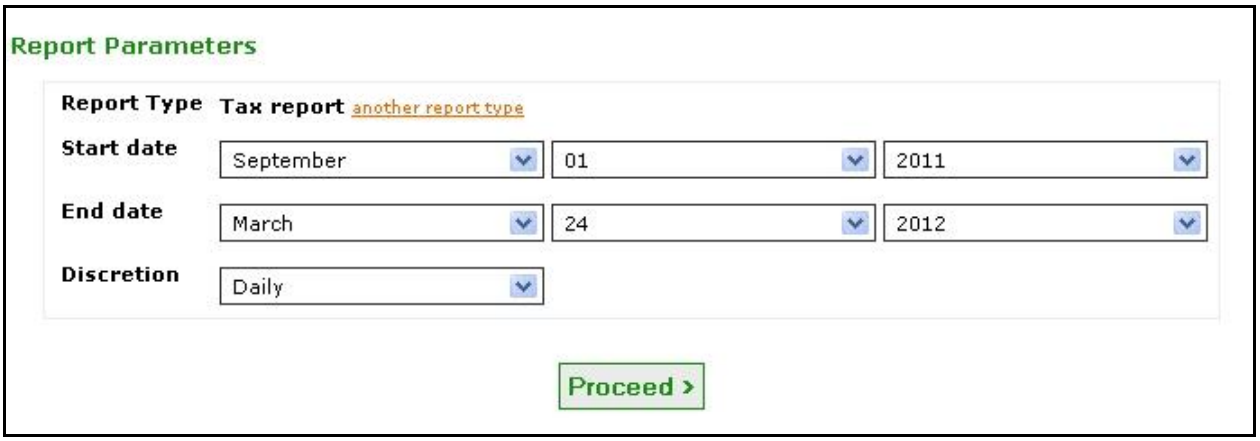

Fig 13-k: Select Duration – Tax Report

You will now get the detailed report of the tax including the total amount, tax amount with date.

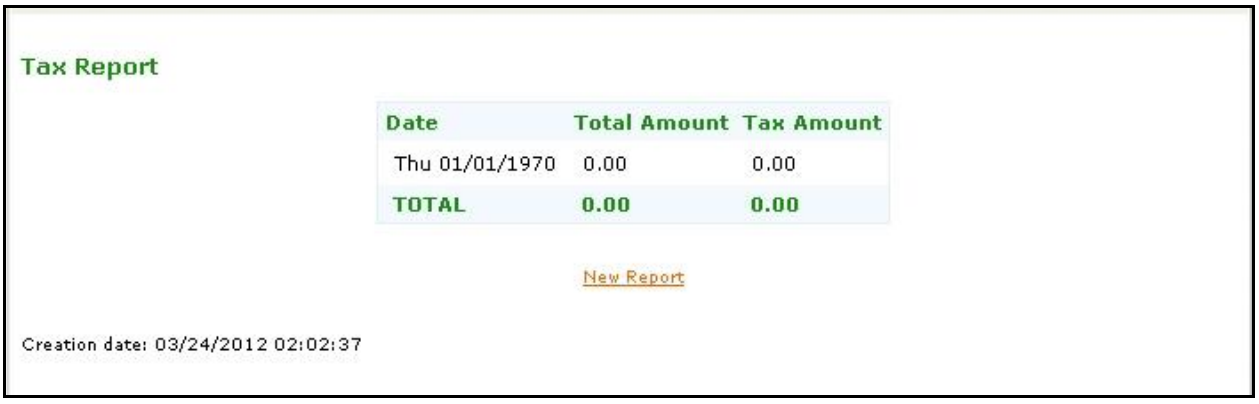

Fig 13-l: Tax Report

Account Sharing Prevention

AMS allows you to control the access that members have based on their IP address. This access can be controlled both on a site wide level and on an individual user level.

Enable Account Sharing Prevention

- Open the AMS Admin Control Panel
- From the left menu chose Setup/Configuration
- From the top menu chose Advanced
- The Advanced Configuration window opens
- There are two options here for access control:
- Maximum count of different IP
- Set this to the maximum number of different IP addresses a single user may connect from in a given period.
- Count IP for ... minutes
- The period in minutes for which IP addresses should be counted

Default values are good for most websites.

Controlling Access on a User by User Basis

There also options for IP locking that can be used on a user by user basis. This allows you to control the access of individual members. This may be useful for example if you wish to ban a user, or to allow a user more liberal access than would be permissible under the IP access control settings as set above.

To see these options open any user record.

- Open the AMS Admin Control Panel
- From the left menu chose Browse users
- Open any user record
- In the record you will see a field: "Locked: auto-locking by IP"
- There are three options here:
- No (default): means not-locked, user has normal access
- Yes: means locked - user's access is suspended
- Disable Autolock for this User: User will be able to connect using as many different IP addresses as they wish.

Setting up IP-Checking with .htpasswd protection

To enable IP checking if you are protecting files with *htpasswd*, you must create in each your of your protected directories a php file, named log_access.php with following content:

<?php include "/home/user/public_html/AMS/log_access.inc.php"; ?>

(replace /home/user/public_html/AMS/ with an actual unix path (not URL!) to AMS folder.

When a user accesses this file, the AMS script automatically writes a log record and does IP checking. To ensure that this file is called automatically, you must insert in your protected HTML pages following code:

<script src="log_access.inc.php"></script>

or

<img src="log_access.inc.php" width=1 height=1>

The above assumes that the log.access.inc.php file is in the same directory as the pages to which the code is added, as it should be.

Error and Access Logs

There are a number of log files available in the AwebDesk Membership Software Admin Control Panel.

Error Logs

Contains a list of error/debug messages for periodical review by site owners. The error log can be cleared by using the *Delete Old Records* function.

Access Logs

A log of access to site by authenticated users, ie members. The log files may or may not show all queries, depending on the protection scheme used. You may find more information on Protection Methods page.

The access log can be cleaned up by using the *aMember CP -> Delete Old Records* function.

Delete Old Records

You can delete the old records from your database. It is essential to remove the old records to improve the performance of your site. To delete old records just click on "Delete Old Records" on the right side navigation bar. Now select the **Date to Purge** (all records from the checked tables will be deleted before this specified date) then select the tables from which you want to remove the data.

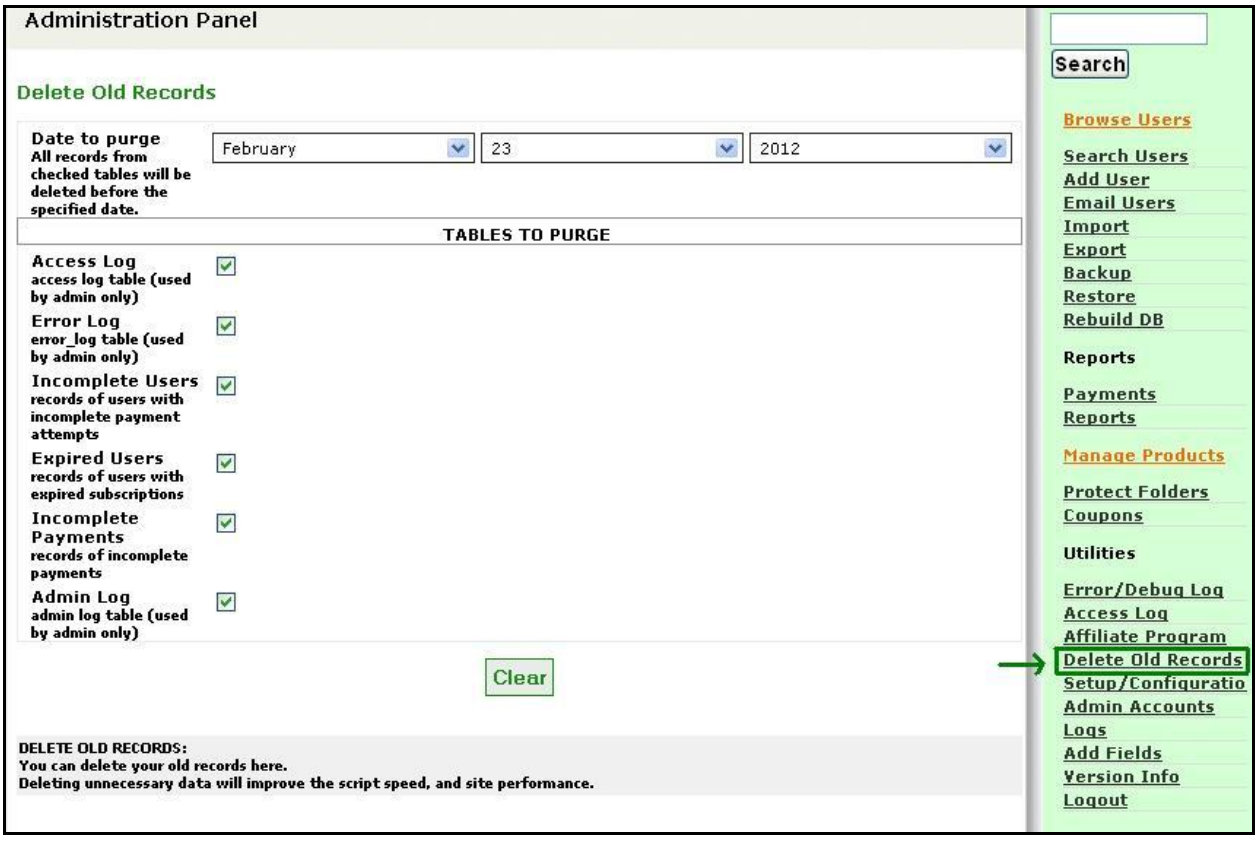

Fig 14: Delete Old Records.

Now click on "Clear" it will remove all the old records before specified date fully.

Adding User Profile Fields

You can add new fields to signup and profile editing form.

Follow the below steps to add user field:

1. Click *AMS CP -> Add Fields* link in AMS main menu

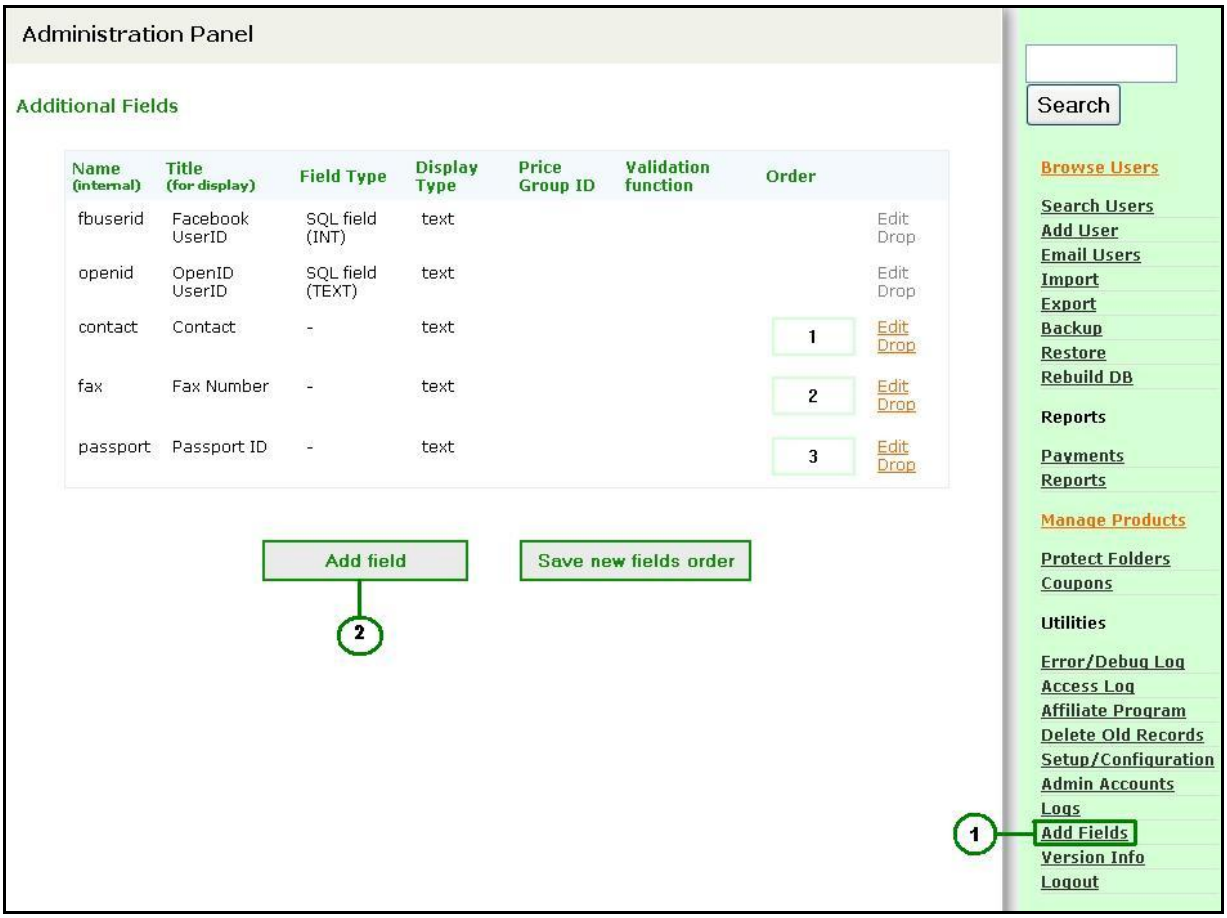

Fig 15-a: Add User Fields

2. You will see *Additional Fields* screen with list of existing fields
3. Click *Add Field* button

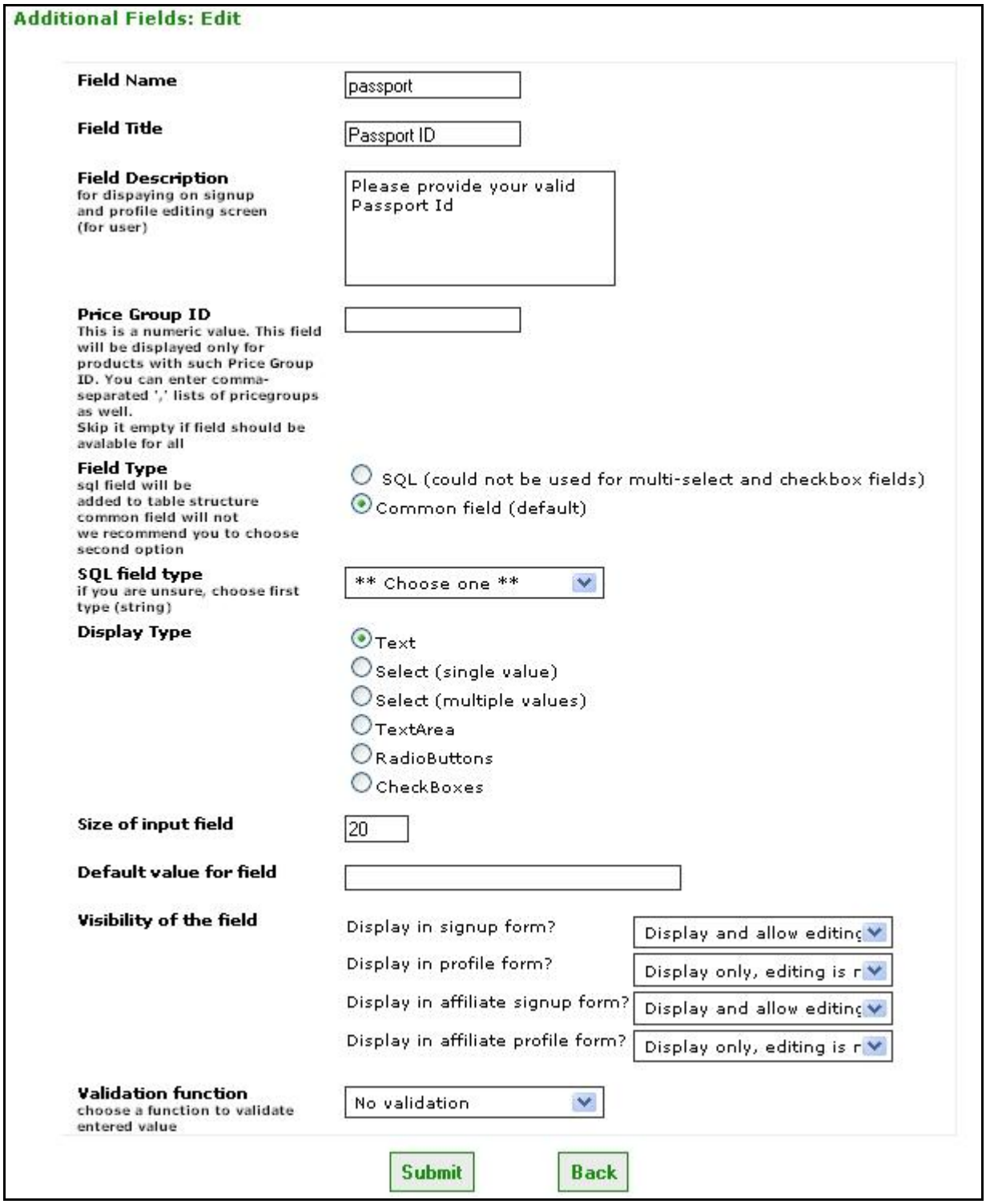
Additional Fields: Edit
Field Name
passport
Field Title
Passport ID
Field Description
for dispaying on signup and profile editing screen (for user)
Please provide your valid Passport Id
Price Group ID
This is a numeric value. This field will be displayed only for products with such Price Group ID. You can enter comma-separated ',' lists of pricegroups as well.
Skip it empty if field should be avalable for all
Field Type
sql field will be added to table structure
common field will not
we recommend you to choose second option
SQL (could not be used for multi-select and checkbox fields)
Common field (default)
SQL field type
if you are unsure, choose first type (string)
** Choose one **
Display Type
Text
Select (single value)
Select (multiple values)
TextArea
RadioButtons
CheckBoxes
Size of input field
20
Default value for field
Visibility of the field
Display in signup form?
Display and allow editing
Display in profile form?
Display only, editing is r
Display in affiliate signup form?
Display and allow editing
Display in affiliate profile form?
Display only, editing is r
Validation function
choose a function to validate entered value
No validation
Submit
Back

Fig 15-b: Edit Fields

4. *Additional Fields: Edit* screen opens (Refer Fig.15-b).

5. Fill-in form fields according to your needs (Refer Fig.15-b) :

   Field Name
   name of field that will be used internally in the script, also for the SQL field
   Field Title
   title that will be displayed on user signup and profile forms, also in AMS CP
   Field Description
   description that will be displayed on user signup form in small font under the title;
   Field Type
   choose to create an SQL or "Common" field. Choose an SQL field for fast search, however, not all Display Types are compatible with SQL fields, then it will be automatically switched back to "Common"
   SQL Field Type
   choose how will the field be stored in MySQL Database. If you have choosen "Common" field type above, ignore this option
   Display Type
   choose how the field will be represented on signup, profile and admin pages. All common HTML input types are available;
   Size of input field
   you may choose size of your text input field, or for select field you may set Size = *1* to get popup select box;
   Field Values
   for RadioButtons, CheckBoxes, and Select fields you have to enter fixed values for user choice. Enter it one per line, key(will be used internally) and value for each input choice, separated by / (pipe). You may also add */1* to a line item, it will make option selected/checked by default.
   Visibility of the field
   defines where the field will be visible and changeable;
   Validation Function
   defines a validation function for the field value.

6. Click *Submit* to add field. Visit Signup Form to validate fields were actually added.

Customization

(1)Editing Phrases/Text Messages

AMS is a multi-language program. For easy translation, all phrases/messages for customer side of AMS are contained within
language files inside *AMS/language/* folder.

If you would like to change text that is displayed, do the following:

- Create a *-custom* file for your language in *AMS/language/* folder, for example for English language.
- It will be file named *AMS/language/en-custom.php* with the following content:

```
defined( 'INCLUDED_AWEBDESK_CONFIG' ) or die( 'Direct access is not allowed'
);
```

- Now open file *AMS/language/en.php* and using text search find a phrase you would like to replace.
- For example, you want to replace text *"Membership Type"* on signup page to *"Subscription Type"*.
- Line in *en.php* will be.

```
define ('_TPL_SIGNUP_MEMB_TYPE', 'Membership Type');
```

Just copy entire line to the buffer of your text editor (do not change file en.php itself!);

- Then paste the line to end of the *en-custom.php* and edit it as you wish.

```
define ('_TPL_SIGNUP_MEMB_TYPE', 'Subscription Type');
```

- Your *en-custom.php* will look like.

```
<?php  // customized phrases from en.php
defined( 'INCLUDED_AWEBDESK_CONFIG' ) or die( 'Direct access is not allowed'
);
define ('_TPL_SIGNUP_MEMB_TYPE', 'Subscription Type');
```

- You can add any number of lines to the end of *en-custom.php* file.
  Now visit your *http://www.yoursite.com/AMS/signup.php* page and you should see changed text.
- If not, make sure you have uploaded file *AMS/language/en-custom.php.*

(2)Integrating AwebDesk Membership Software with your website

Receipt 1: Adding Login Form to your Website

Add Login Form to HTML Page

Use the following to add a login form anywhere you wish on your site:

```
<form action="/AMS/login.php" method=post>  Username: <input type=text
name=_awebdesk__login size=10><br>  Password: <input type=password
name=_awebdesk__pass size=10><br>  <input type=submit value=Login>  </form>
```

Add Login form to a PHP page

As the very first line of your PHP page, add the following:

```
<?php session_start(); ?>
```

Then, somewhere on the page, add the following:

```
<?php  if ($au=$_SESSION['__awebdesk__user']){ // user is logged-in  print
"Hello $au[name_f] $au[name_l]!<br>";
 print "<a href='/awebdesk/logout.php'>Logout</a>";  } else { // user is not
logged-in  print "<form method=post action='/awebdesk/login.php'>
Username: <input type=text name=_awebdesk__login size=10><br>
 Password: <input type=password name=_awebdesk__pass size=10><br>
 <input type=submit value='Login'>  </form>";  }  ?>
```

Receipt 2: Add logout link to your Website

Just place the following code somewhere:

```
<a href="/AMS/logout.php">Logout</a>
```

Receipt 3: Add Member Data to Your Website Page

Add Member Data to AMS-powered pages

It is possible to include data from the members table in the database to any AMS page where user is logged-in For example; you may wish to include a "Welcome John Doe" message at the top of the Membership Info page.

To do this edit the file *awebdesk/templates/member.html*, adding the following:

```
Welcome, {$smarty.session.__awebdesk__user.name_f}
{$smarty.session.__awebdesk__user.name_l} !
```

You can also add additional information. If field is added as a *common*, it must be used as

```
{$smarty.session.__awebdesk__user.data.phone}
```

Else, it it is a SQL field, it must be used as :

```
{$smarty.session.__awebdesk__user.phone}
```

Now visit http://www.yoursite.com/awebdesk/member.php and you will see your addons.

Add Member Information to PHP Pages

If you are using PHP pages on your site, you can also add member information to additional pages. In this case you are using session information to add the data, it will only appear when a member is logged in.

As the very first line of your PHP page, add the following:

```
<?php session_start(); ?>
```

Then somewhere on the page, use the following code:

```
<?php  print "Welcome, " . $_SESSION['__awebdesk__user']['name_f'] . " " .
$_SESSION['__awebdesk__user']['name_l'];  ?>
```

Again, if field is added as a *common*, it must be used as

```
$_SESSION['__awebdesk__user']['data']['phone']
```

Else, an *SQL field*, must be used as:

```
$_SESSION['__awebdesk__user']['phone']
```

(3)Integration Plugins

Introduction to Integration Plugins

AMS has ability to integrate with third-party applications. If you have such integration plugin installed and configured, AMS will maintain users database (table) in third-party script, so your AMS subscribers will be automatically added to your Bulletin Board, CMS or HelpDesk users database. When their subscription expires, users will be automatically disabled or (depending on the plugin) removed from third-party database.

Please note - this integration is usually one-way: users are copied from AMS to third-party script, and never vice-versa (from third-party script to AMS). Second way would require changes to your third-party script that would be hard to maintain and would make troubles to upgrade your third-party script.

Also, if user has the same username and password in AMS and a third-party script, it is often possible to implement single-login - when user is logged-in into AMS, it becomes logged-in into third-party script and vice-versa.

How It Works

1) When users do sign-up in AMS, AMS will check for existing user in third-party users database. If user with the same username is exists in third-party database, it will check that user enter the same email and password. If yes, user will be allowed to go through signup in AMS. If something differs, user will be asked to choose another username, because entered is already taken. If user with the same username is not found in third-party database, member will be allowed to sign up and will get pending status in AMS.

2) As user completes payment, AMS will upgrade his record in third-party database (set another user group) or will add new record into third-party user's database.

3) When user subscription expires or user removed from AMS db, AMS will set "default" user group in third-party database for this user.

Alternative Description of Integration Plugins

Plugin means and works like a connector. So if you want to connect AMS to the *phpBB* (for example), you can install a plugin for that program i.e. *phpBB*.

What plugin does?

It will map fields on the left side i.e. *AMS* system fields and shoot them on the right hand side i.e. *phpBB*.

So if a user registers, then the username and password etc. will NOT be entered firstly into phpBB anymore. It will get into the AMS database. Thereafter when a user activates by validating his email, or makes payment if that is required, his data record will be added to the phpBB.

Thereafter you can also install a plugin of *Joomla*.

Then the user data will be inserted from left hand side i.e. from *AMS* to both the plugins i.e. *phpBB* _AS_WELL_AS_ *Joomla* databases!

Understand?

Here is does not matter, if the right hand side existed or not. If it did, fine, you will have to get that data from right hand side into the left hand side first (using export in *phpBB*, then import in *AMS*). Also if on the right hand side, if one existed, you can add a second one i.e. *Joomla*. Later you can also add a third and fourth one. For all those additions, you will need a connector i.e. plugins for those databases.

Existing Plugins

Developing New Plugins

It is easy to create new integration plugins, but of course serious PHP programming skills required.

(4)PDF Invoice Customization

You can enable automatic PDF Invoice/Receipt generation on each payment. It can be done at *AMS CP -> Setup -> E-Mail :* E-Mail Payment Receipt to user.

After payment, customer can always open invoice on Membership Information Page
http://www.yoursite.com/AMS/member.php

PDF invoice format can be customized by editing two files:

/AMS/templates/mail_receipt.pdf.txt
these following Smarty variables are available there: *{$total}, {$subtotal}, {$payment}, {$products}*
/AMS/templates/mail_receipt_contact.pdf.txt
You can use *{$u}* - an array with user's info;
You can use several HTML-alike tags in the PDF templates

line break;
<hr>
horizontal rule;

bold;

italic;
<u></u>
underline;
You can output table content, for example:

```
<fill>column1|column2|column3</fill>     <br />     value1|value2|value3
...
```

Text inside tags <fill></fill> will be displayed with silver background (only for table content).You can add your **logo image** to invoice. Just upload file *AMS/logo.jpg* and it will be automatically inserted to the top-right corner of the PDF template.

Facebook/OpenId Activation and Use

With AwebDesk Membership Software your members will have option to login or signup directly through facebook or OpenId.

First, Copy plugin files to awebdesk/plugins/protect/fb_connect/ folder and to AWEBDESK/plugins/protect/openid/ folder respectiviely for Facebook and OpenID.

To activate the the Facebook/OpenId login/signup feature into your AwebDesk Membership Software please follow the below steps:

Step1: Click on “Setup/Configuration” on right side navigation bar on dashboard.

Step2: Click on “Plugins” on top navigation menu on Setup/configuration wizard.

Step3: Now check mark “fb_connect” and “openId” from the list under protect plugins.

Step4: Click on “Save”

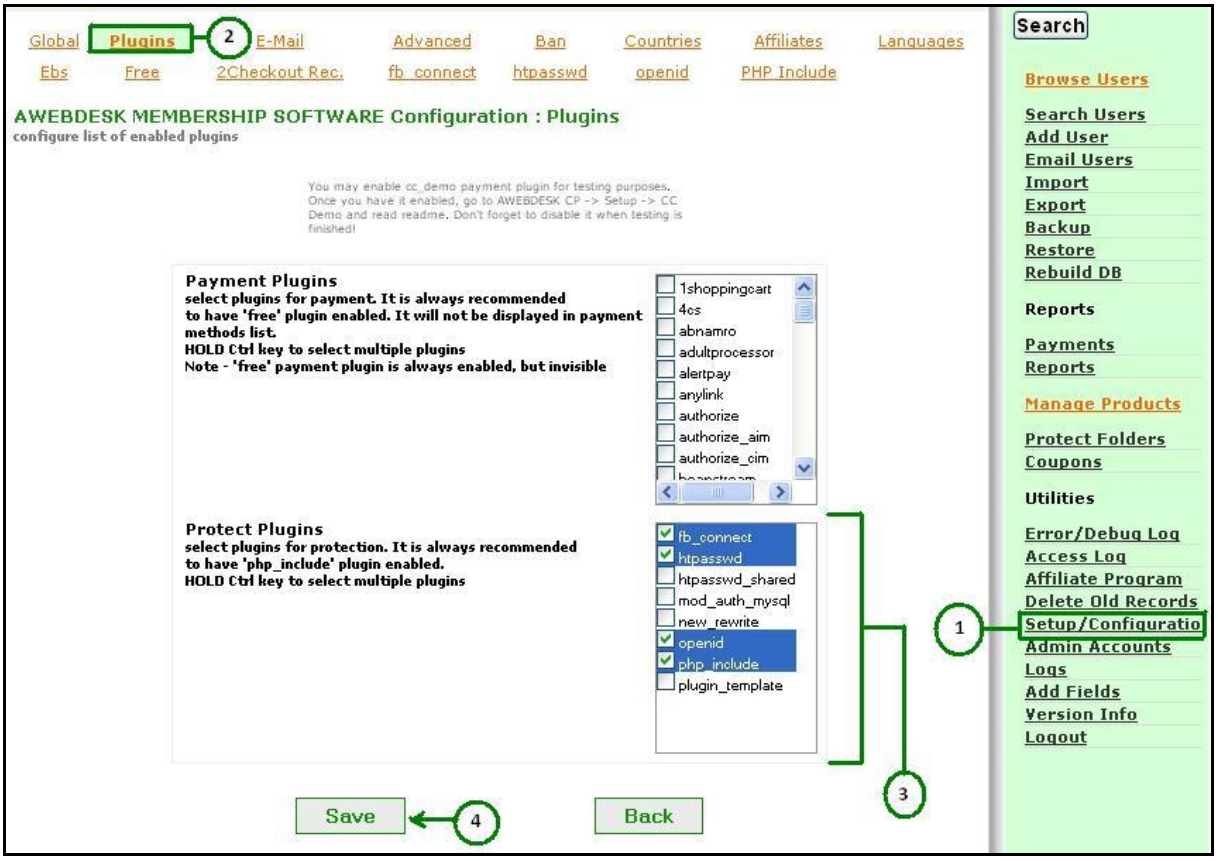

Fig 16-a: Facebook/OpenId Activation

After activating the facebook and opened plugins now we learn how to configure Facebook and opened plugins to use them.

To use Facebook Plugin into AwebDesk Membership Software follow below steps:

Step1: Setting Up an Application on Facebook

a) Click the link given below.
Go here to set up an application on Facebook

b) Enter your Facebook email ID and Password to create your App.

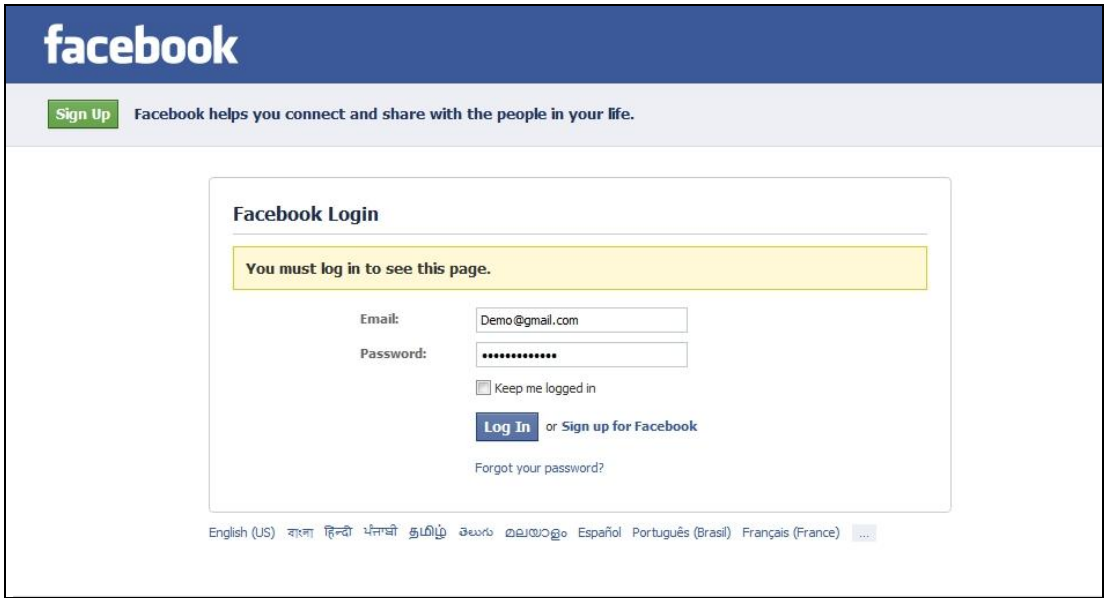
facebook
Sign Up
Facebook helps you connect and share with the people in your life.
Facebook Login
You must log in to see this page.
Email:
Demo@gmail.com
Password:
Keep me logged in
Log In
or Sign up for Facebook
Forgot your password?
English (US) বাংলা हिन्दी ਪੰਜਾਬੀ தமிழ் తెలుగు മലയാളം Español Português (Brasil) Français (France) ...

Fig 16-b: Facebook Login

Now specify your App name and App Namespace.

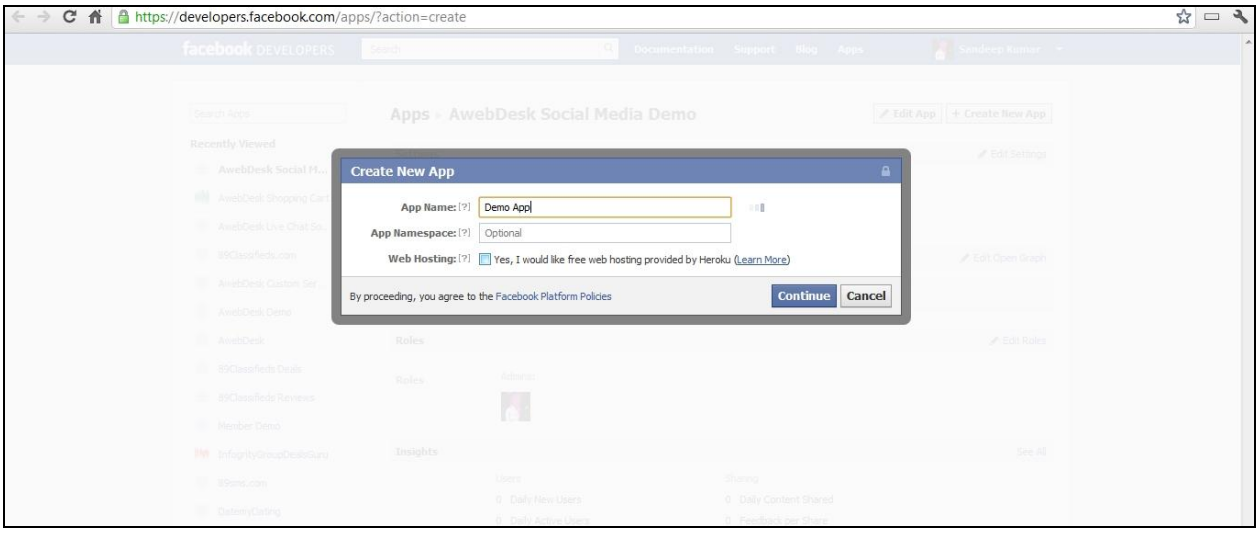

Fig 16-c: Create New App

c) After creating your App you can manage your App. Go to Edit Setting.

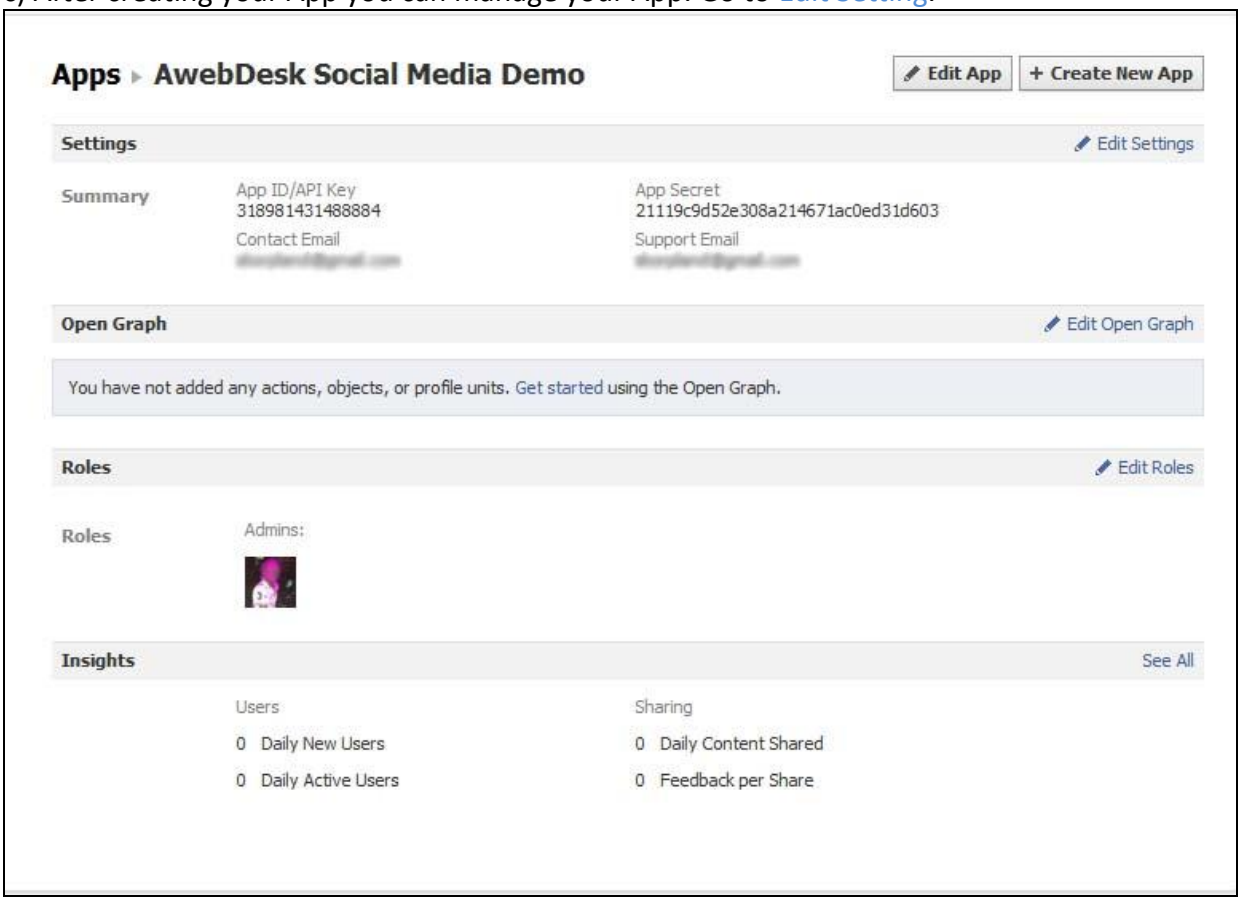

Fig 16-d: App

d) You can manage your App like Basic App Display Name,App Namespace,Contact Email,App Domain,Category,hosting URL etc.

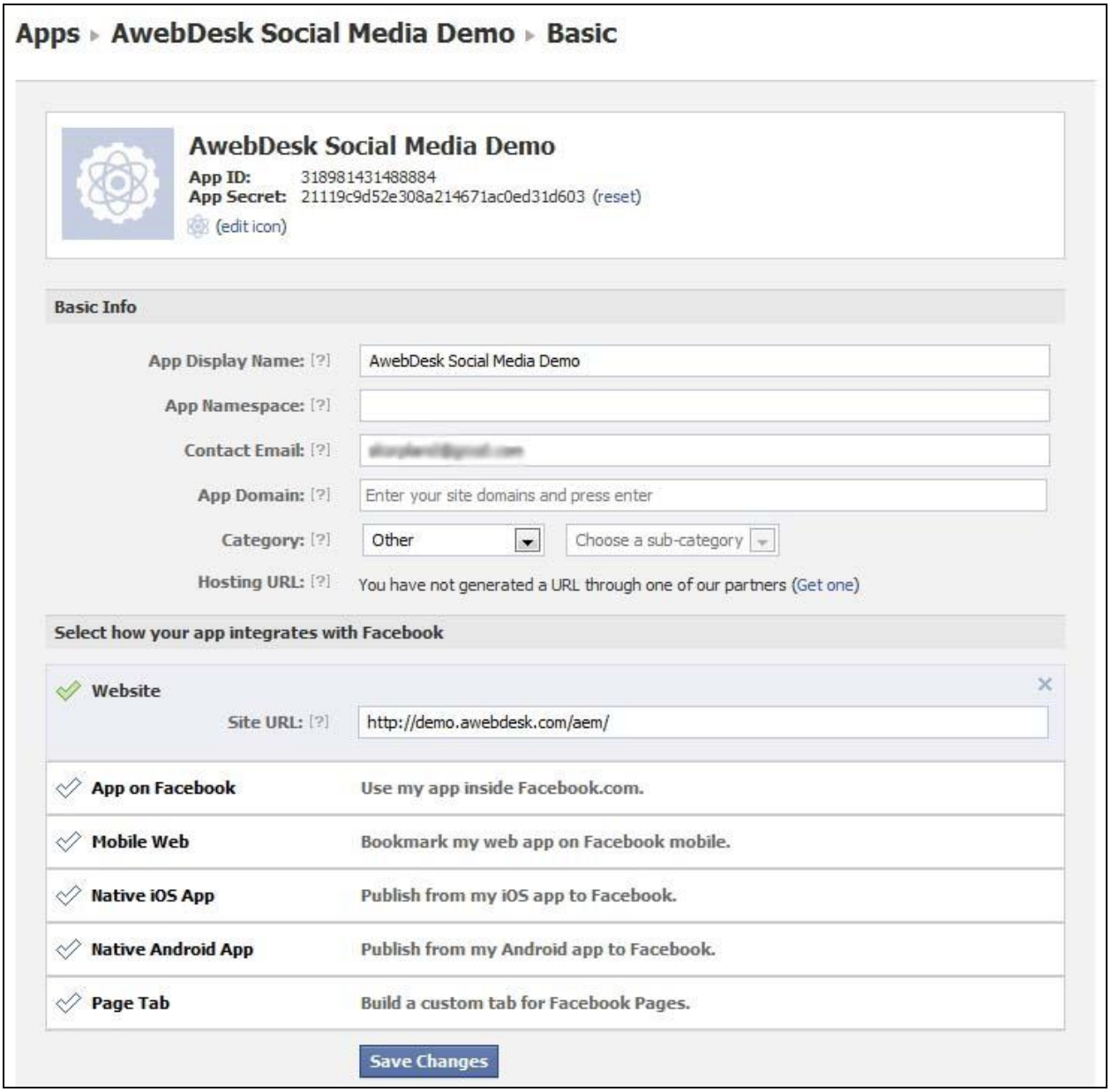
Apps ▸ AwebDesk Social Media Demo ▸ Basic
AwebDesk Social Media Demo
App ID: 318981431488884
App Secret: 21119c9d52e308a214671ac0ed31d603 (reset)
(edit icon)
Basic Info
App Display Name: [?]
AwebDesk Social Media Demo
App Namespace: [?]
Contact Email: [?]
App Domain: [?]
Enter your site domains and press enter
Category: [?]
Other
Choose a sub-category
Hosting URL: [?]
You have not generated a URL through one of our partners (Get one)
Select how your app integrates with Facebook
Website
Site URL: [?]
http://demo.awebdesk.com/aem/
App on Facebook
Use my app inside Facebook.com.
Mobile Web
Bookmark my web app on Facebook mobile.
Native iOS App
Publish from my iOS app to Facebook.
Native Android App
Publish from my Android app to Facebook.
Page Tab
Build a custom tab for Facebook Pages.
Save Changes

Fig 16-e: Edit Setting of your App

e) Specify your Own Website URL.

Go through the entire process until your application has been created:
Once your App has been created, copy the necessary application keys from the Facebook site:

NOTE: The URL for your Facebook application must match the same domain where your AwebDesk Membership Software is installed.
If they do not match, Facebook users will not be able to approve your application for auto-posting and data retrieval.
If users are seeing any error, it typically means the URL for your Facebook application is incorrect:

After setting up your App on Facebook, please follow the below steps:

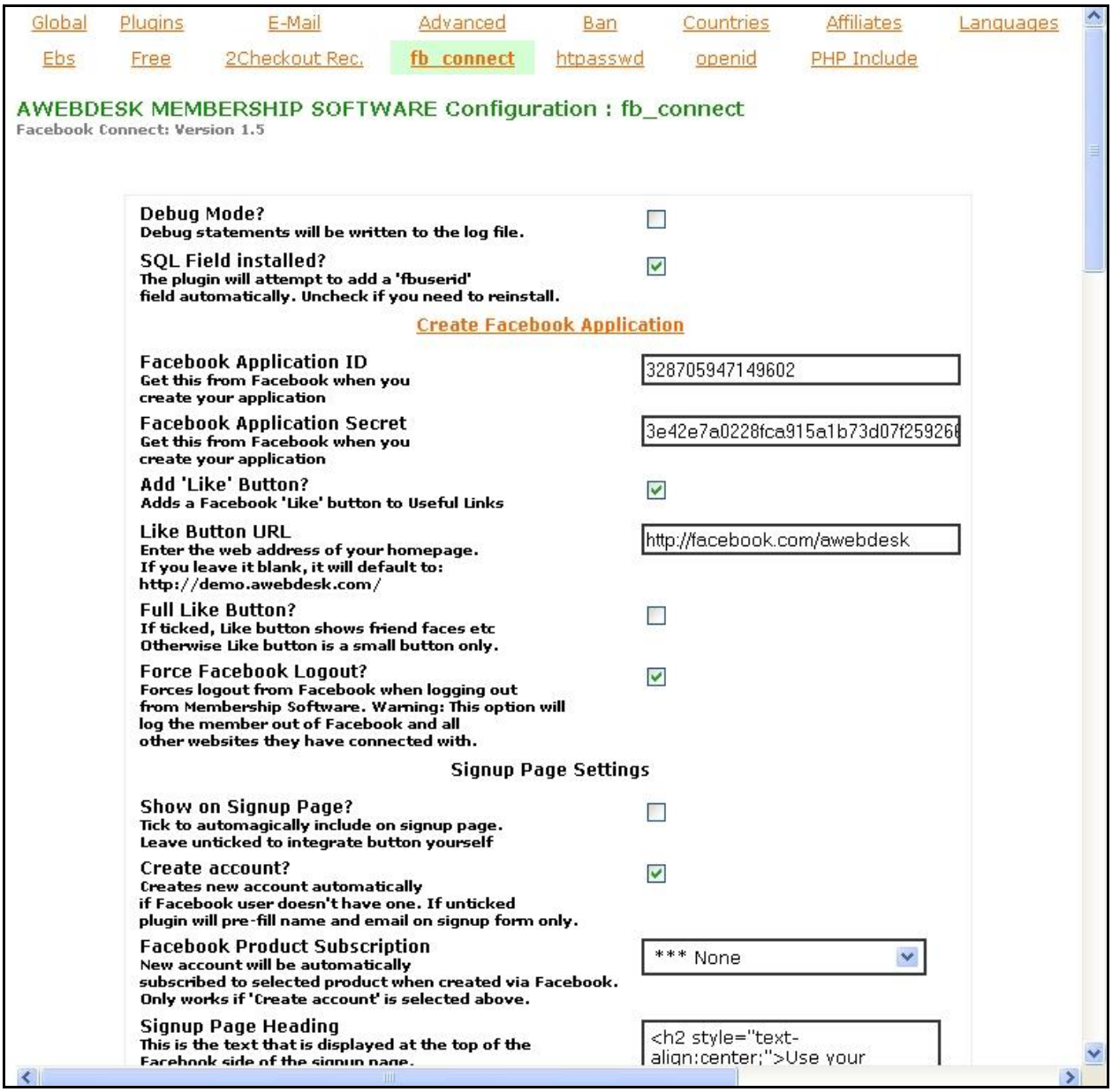
Global
Plugins
E-Mail
Advanced
Ban
Countries
Affiliates
Languages
Ebs
Free
2Checkout Rec.
fb_connect
htpasswd
openid
PHP Include
AWEBDESK MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE Configuration : fb_connect
Facebook Connect: Version 1.5
Debug Mode?
Debug statements will be written to the log file.
SQL Field installed?
The plugin will attempt to add a 'fbuserid' field automatically. Uncheck if you need to reinstall.
Create Facebook Application
Facebook Application ID
Get this from Facebook when you create your application
328705947149602
Facebook Application Secret
Get this from Facebook when you create your application
3e42e7a0228fca915a1b73d07f25926
Add 'Like' Button?
Adds a Facebook 'Like' button to Useful Links
Like Button URL
Enter the web address of your homepage. If you leave it blank, it will default to: http://demo.awebdesk.com/
http://facebook.com/awebdesk
Full Like Button?
If ticked, Like button shows friend faces etc Otherwise Like button is a small button only.
Force Facebook Logout?
Forces logout from Facebook when logging out from Membership Software. Warning: This option will log the member out of Facebook and all other websites they have connected with.
Signup Page Settings
Show on Signup Page?
Tick to automagically include on signup page. Leave unticked to integrate button yourself
Create account?
Creates new account automatically if Facebook user doesn't have one. If unticked plugin will pre-fill name and email on signup form only.
Facebook Product Subscription
New account will be automatically subscribed to selected product when created via Facebook. Only works if 'Create account' is selected above.
*** None
Signup Page Heading
This is the text that is displayed at the top of the Facebook side of the signup page.
<h2 style="text-align:center;">Use your

Fig 16-f: Facebook Plugin Configuration

Step2: Now provide all the details into AwebDesk Membership Software Facebook configuration wizard and click on Save.

Step3: Update your /templates/header_login.html page.
This step adds a connect button and information to your login page.
Note: This is something you will have to do each time you upgrade Membership Software.
(a) Edit your /templates/header_login.html template file and and insert this line wherever you would like the Facebook Login Button to appear:

{include file="../plugins/protect/fb_connect/login.fb_connect.inc.html"}

We have already done this for your reference in /templates/header_login.tpl. If you need to change the button location use above tag.

(b) Save your changes.
(c) Upload /awebdesk/templates/header_login.html to your server.

Step4: Update your /templates/header_signup.html page.

(a) Edit your /awebdesk/templates/header_signup.html template file and insert this line wherever you would like the Facebook login button to appear:

{include file="../plugins/protect/fb_connect/signup.fb_connect.inc.html"}

We have already done this for your reference in /templates/header_signup.tpl. If you need to change the button location use above tag.
(b) Save your changes.

(c) Upload /awebdesk/templates/header_signup.html to your server.

Now to use OpenID follow below steps:

As you have copied the plugin files to AWEBDESK/plugins/protect/openid/ folder for OpenID. And activated it from Setup/Config wizard. Follow below steps:

Step1: Update your /templates/header_login.html page.

(a) Edit your /AWEBDESK/templates/header_login.html template file and and insert this line wherever you would like the OpenID options to appear:

{include file="../plugins/protect/openid/login.openid.inc.html"}

We have already done this for your reference in /templates/header_login.tpl. If you need to change the button location use above tag.

(b) Save your changes.

(c) Upload /AWEBDESK/templates/header_login.html to your server.

Step2: Update your /templates/header_signup.html page.

(a) Edit your /AWEBDESK/templates/header_signup.html template file and insert this line wherever you would like the OpenID options to appear:

{include file="../plugins/protect/openid/signup.openid.inc.html"}

We have already done this for your reference in /templates/header_signup.tpl. If you need to change the button location use above tag.

(b) Save your changes.

(c) Upload /AWEBDESK/templates/header_signup.html to your server.

Now when your members go to login page they will have option to login through Facebook and OpenId, Google, Yahoo, AOL as shown in fig.16-f

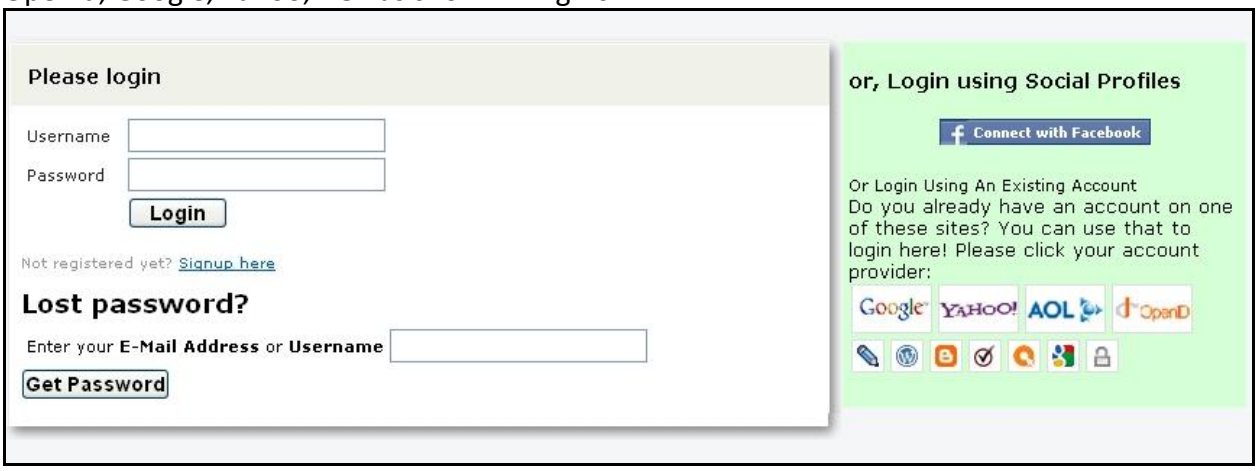

Fig 16-g: Login Page (Facebook/OpenId)

Also your visitors can signup to your site for membership using this Facebook/OpenId plugin.

Your visitor needs to click on “Connect with Facebook” if they want to signup with Facebook id or they need to click on Google, Yahoo, AOL, OpenId respectively for signup through Google, Yahoo, AOl, OpenId (Refer Fig: 16-g).

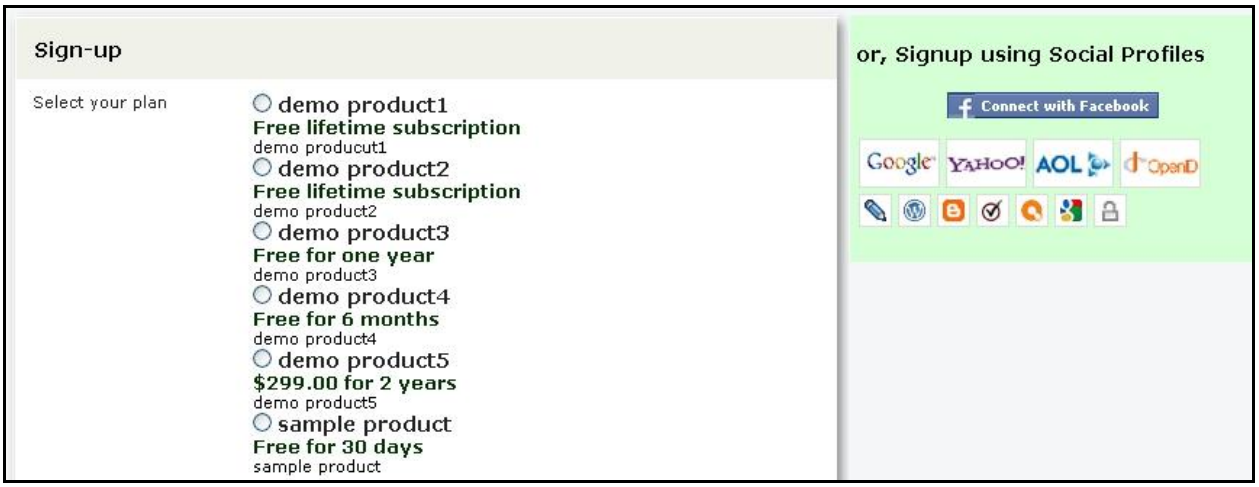

Fig 16-h: Signup through Facebook/OpenId.

Recommended Web Hosting providers:

(1)Godaddy - www.godaddy.com

(2)BlueHost - www.bluehost.com

(3)Hostgator - www.hostgator.com

(4)AwebHosted - www.awebhosted.com